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COLORED SCHOOL SITUATION TENSE!

Washington's Educational System on Tril for its Life and the Administration of Mr. Bruce Under Fire.

CHANGE IN ASST. SUPERINTENDENCY DEMANDED

Mrs. Charlotte E. Hunter Brings $10,000 Suit Against the Washington Sun et. al.—Committee of Oldest Inhabitants Welcome Court Action as the Speediest Method of Bringing Matter Squarely to an Issue—Claim to be Sure of Facts that will Place Blame where it Belongs—Strong Man is Needed.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

(Bureau of The Freeman, 1337 Wallach Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The discussion of the deplorable conditions said to prevail in the colored public schools of this city, which sizzled at the time of our last report, has now reached fever heat.

In the shops, the churches, the schools and on the highways it is the principal topic among the men and women who have the interests of the race at heart. The pastor at his church, the official at his desk or the wayfarer on the street is buttonholed by his nearest neighbor and asked "What do you think of the school question?"

The Washington Sun, with rare courage and clearness of perception into the needs of the situation, has published a series of articles bearing upon the subject. These articles, presenting what is said to be the plain truth and a searching analysis of the causes leading up to the city-wide revolt against alleged evils in the school management, make out a case far from complimentary to those now administering the educational affairs of the race, if not an indictment of the system itself.

In an unusually direct statement, issued by a special committee of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association and published in The Sun, instances are cited and in other articles there are propounded queries that appear to depend a conviction in the public mind that something is radically wrong and that a change of some kind must occur soon, or the waning confidence of the people in the principal agency of racial uplift will be totally destroyed. The light is being turned on and there are hints that the "worst is yet to come." A rapid crystallization is expected from now on, for, it is said that a steering committee, with plenary power, has been formed to make a minute examination of the undigested testimony now in several hands and to arrange all of the charges into a comprehensive shape for presentation to the Board of Education. It is asserted that one very formidable set of charges is already on file with the Superintendent and Board and that the matter will be pressed to a finish. Should the Board fail to satisfy the popular demand, for one reason or another, it is said that the forces that seek an equitable adjustment of the existing difficulties, will bring the problem to the attention of the District Committee in Congress and ask for a thorough investigation. Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, personally known to the "steering committee," from the people, have already been approached, and it is given out that a number have lent a sympathetic ear to the complaints of alleged favoritism in appointments, injustice in ratings, jugglery in the handling of the teaching corps and of unhealthy influences that hedge about the Assistant Superintendent and in too great a measure, control his actions. This is the burden of the complaints heard about the town, and a general lack of confidence in the ability or disposition of the present administration to grant a square deal is voiced upon all sides. The report of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association, which now stands as the official expression of popular discontent and the demand for a change in the school administration, is signed by Daniel Murray, chairman; Jas. W. Muse, secretary; John H. Paynter, George Lucas, Aaron Russell, Richard B. Peters, Leonard C. Bailey, John L. Hickman and Samuel W. Watson, members of the committee. All are taxpayers and men of undoubted influence in the community. They have "put their hands to the plow," as one of them said, and do not intend to turn back.

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Mrs. Charlotte E. Hunter Files $10,000 Suit.

A new angle in the school fight was shown Thursday, when it became known that Mrs. Charlotte E. Hunter, head of the Kindergarten Department of the Myrtilla Miner Normal School, had filed a suit for damages in the sum of $10,000 against the gentlemen who placed their names on the report of the committee from the Oldest Inhabitants' Association. Mrs. Hunter identifies herself as the person described in the Washington Sun and alleges, among other things, that her character has been assailed by the intimation that she has unfairly rated some of the pupils in her department and that she is incompetent. Because The Sun published the article signed by the Oldest Inhabitants' Association referring to the charges, Mrs. Hunter includes in her suit T. Thomas Fortune, editor and publisher of that paper. Daniel W. Baker has been retained by Mrs. Hunter as counsel. As the administration is regarded as on trial, along with the kindergarten head, it is rumored that Assistant Superintendent Bruce will give to her the moral support inhering in his office. Other things are being said in connection with the case, which will be brought out as the situation develops. The action of Mrs. Hunter has produced something of a sensation, as it is the first of the kind the District has known in a generation of "much talk." It is considered remarkable, too, that similar allegations were made not long ago by another paper, but these were ignored. As soon as they appeared in the youthful Sun, the courts are asked at once to intervene. People are wondering and asking "Why?"

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Early Action Wanted.

Just when the case will reach trial is problematical, but it is understood that the committee from the Oldest Inhabitants' Association has retained counsel of the ablest legal attainments and that early action will be insisted upon. Said a member of the committee:

"The institution of this suit pleases us to a T. It is just what we want and things could not have been ordered better to our liking. It brings to a definite issue the very problem we wish to solve. As men of responsibility, does any one think we would put our names to a paper without being sure of our ground? We have all the facts we need to prove our contention and shall insist that the case be brought up in court at the earliest possible moment. We do not wish to have this action brought as a possible estoppel of any course the Board of Education may think it well to take in the premises, for the situation is acute and demands immediate settlement. There has already been too much delay in getting down to 'brass tacks.' We welcome the suit and will be prepared to sustain the cause of the people when the case is called."

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Canvassing the Field for a New Man.

It is an open secret that the educational field of the country is being canvassed for a new man, to be presented to the Board as a proper successor of Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce. It is conceded that the weakness of the opposition to the existing administration heretofore has been the inability of the seekers for a change to put forward a man upon whom they could unite and recommend as one who could fill the exacting requirements of the position and remedy the ills complained of. It is understood that a committee has been named to essay this task and has been given full power to correspond with educators of acknowledged standing, with a view of having them enter the race for the office of Asisstant Superintendent, in charge of the Washington colored schools. It is said to be the belief of the committee that an "outside" man would be preferable to a District man at this time. Doubt is expressed that any one here who might be otherwise available for the place would be able to free himself from the suspicion of factional leanings, which would militate against his usefulness. The man who comes here with any hope of success, they say, must rebuild this system from the ground up. He must have courage, executive ability of the highest order and must be independent enough to withstand the reactionary influences that have inured to the disadvantage of Mr. Bruce, an unusually gracious and clever young man, they admit, but lacking in the qualities of firmness and directness in thought and action. That a man of iron will and inflexibility in the pursuit of the righteous path is needed in this crisis, goes without the saying. Only such a man can bring order out of the present chaos, is the sentiment echoed in every quarter.

Is there such a man in this broad land? If so, the committtee would like to get into touch with him. Daniel Murray, chairman of the preliminary committee, is of the opinion that a change is the inevitable solution of the problem and it is said that more than one member of the Board of Education agrees with him, although for good and sufficient reasons they do not wish to be quoted publicly in this connection.

The situation is tense and no one knows what a day will bring forth.

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Notes.

Word comes that through the will of the late William Endicott, one of the oldest citizens of Boston, the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama receives a bequest of $5,000. This is the kind of service and sympathy that counts in the race's battle for the heights.

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An enjoyable birthday surprise was tendered last Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Henson, Jr., at their cozy home, 649 Florida avenue northwest. Many friends locally and from out of town attended and made the welkin ring with speeches in praise of the genial hospitality and broad humanitarianism of this happy pair, who knew no class nor creed in the dispensation of their favors. R. W. Thompson acted as toastmaster. Some of those present were J. Finley Wilson, editor of The Eagle, Dr. J. T. Walker, Romeo L. Dougherty, Harry Messengale, Samuel Davis and Will Greer, Arthur Robinson, Messrs. F. Thompson, R. C. Stubbs and Robert Butt, of New ork City, and George Brown, Misses Odessa Crosby of Chicago, Nellie Brown, Mary Taylor and friends, of Norfolk, Va., and others whose names could not be secured. The affair was one of the finest of the many that have taken place beneath the sheltering roof of Mr. and Mrs. Henson.

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The stork recently visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris E. Barnett on T street, N. W., and left a bouncing baby girl to generate sunshine in their hearts. The little lady has been christened Murial Barnett. The stork was equally generous to Mr. and Mrs. Addison N. Scurlock of 1202 T street, leaving a fine baby boy, who will rejoice in the name of Addison Fearing Scurlock. Congratulations are being freely extended.

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The Washington Eagle, with the hustling J. Finley Wilson as editor and manager, made its appearance on Thanksgiving Day and it is a lively sheet—threatening to fly as high as its soaring namesake. The Eagle is to be issued every Thursday from its office, 649 Florida avenue. Robert G. Maguire is city editor and Robert Harlan is in charge of the sporting department.

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The Howard University basket-ball team, under the guidance of Romeo L. Dougherty, is to meet "The Incorporators" in New York city on the 15th, at Manhattan Casino. A battle royal is looked for.

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President S. M. Newman, of Howard University, has been making an extended tour of the West in the interest of the school, visiting Cleveland, Chicago, and many other points. The Howard alumni treated him handsomely everywhere.

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Congress will reassemble next Monday.

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The town is "all het up" over the school situation. It looks as if the plain people mean business this time.

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Mrs. G. B. D. Gordon, who will be remembered as the talented stenographer and private secretary to Dr. W. A. Warfield at Freedman's Hospital, has moved from her former home in Kingston, Jamaica, where she and her husband located just after their marriage. They have purchased a handsome country seat at Gayle, a thriving mountain town about forty miles from Kingston, and Dr. Gordon is there taking advantage of the larger field opened up to him and is doing a useful work for the uplift of the people about him, to whom real leadership has been a long felt want.

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Everybody and his brother was on the Howard University campus on Thanksgiving Day to witness the great Howard-Hampton football game.

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Why Washington Musicians are Leaving.

Some Washingtonians are marveling over the fact that so many of the competent colored musicians of this city are flocking to New York City and joining hands with James T. Brymn and James Reese. "The reason is plain," remarked one of them to your correspondent a few days ago. "There's no money here for a good musician, one who has talent and ambition and who wishes to make a name and some degree of profit for himself. With but one large theater to play in, the musicians are restricted to dance music, often of a doubtful quality, and the field is narrow as to art and poor as to pay. The only fellows who can earn a decent living are those who work at a government job

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CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Jordon Johnson Gets Janitorship at Court House—Danisbegay a Musical and Recital Given by the Woman's Self Improvement Club at Oldham's Hall, Urbana, Friday, Nov. 27, for the Benefit of a Girls' Reading Room—Other News of the Twin Cities.

(By Z. L. Breedlove, Phone Bell 1659.)

Mr. Jordon Johnson was recently appointed head janitor at the court house in Urbana, by A. M. Evans, who was elected sheriff Nov. 3, on the Republican ticket. I hope the colored people will remain organized together as Mr. Johnson got his appointment so can some other colored man get a political job.

At the meeting of the Twin City Colored Republican Club Nov. 25th, Mrs. I. B. Thompson spoke on the subject "Why Woman Should Vote." In this the speaker brought out clearly the possibilities of women correcting the perilous conditions which men have been too cowardly to act upon, either through fear of political leadership or loss of pre-election money. Rev. H. W. Jameson, D.D., then addressed the club on the subject "Co-operation." This speaker is noted for having terse wit and hard common sense. He poured forth volley after volley of facts, among other things stating that "If Negroes had as much get together and defense money as they have funeral money it would greatly enhance our situation and give us the necessary backbone and would accomplish much for race uplift." Mr. G. E. Pope, the president of the club, spoke briefly on the aim of the organization along political lines, and what they expect to accomplish through unity and effort. Every one who has not joined the Colored Republican Club is cordially invited to join.

Danisbegay given by the Woman's Self Improvement Club, Friday evening, was a success. A good many were out and enjoyed themselves immensely. The program was as follows: "Pure as the Lily," Mrs. Nettie N. Scott; The Club's Annual Address, Mrs. Daisy E. Patton; piano solo, fifth nocturne, Mr. F. L. Slade; "Patsy," Helen Ricks; solo, "Just Awearying for You," Miss Marie F. Stevens; "Scenes That Are Brightest," Ernest Reicks; "Who Knows," J. Mclean Ross; "A Few Bars in the Key of G," Miss Helen Reicks; "Last Hope," Mrs. Nettie N. Scott; "Then You'll Remember Me," Mr. Earnest Reicks. Following the music recital a dance was held, several prizes being awarded to the best couples on the floor. Miss Helen Reicks and Mr. Chandler won the prize for the two-step prize and Miss Marie Novel and Earl Simpson the waltz prize.

Piano recital and concert given at the C. M. E. church Wednesday evening, November 25th. The program was as follows: Piano duet, Master Barney Higginson; reading, Mrs. Mary Ryder; piano solo, Odell Long; reading, Miss Cansuela Street; piano solo, Hallie Hines; piano solo, Miss Ora Thornhill; piano solo, Miss Anna Jackson. Every one seemed to enjoy the program very much.

Chanticleer Club gave a dance Tuesday evening, Nov. 23. About twenty couples were present and each one enjoyed themselves in the superlative degree.

A. M. E. Church—"Silent Forces" was the subject of Rev. Jameson's morning sermon. Silence is the eldest daughter of Divinity, precedes all activity and is the leaving influence of life. In the evening the pastor spoke on "Why Are We Here?" If to bless the world, we should sow the richest seed thought can produce.

Salem Church—"Seed Sowing" was the theme of the sermon in the morning by Rev. J. M. Owens, who spoke on Christian Duty" as the subject of the Sunday evening sermon.

A candy pulling was given by Miss Consuella Street and Miss Ora Thornhill Saturday evening at Miss Lizzie Thornhill's residence, 601 South Wright stret. Games and music were some of the main features. Every one reported an enjoyable time.

Mr. Hattie Woolridge and Mrs. Addie M. Willis, of Chicago, visited Mrs. L. H. Kirk and Mr. William Wilkerson Thanksgiving at their residence, 409 East Vine street. Mr. Wilkerson being Mrs. Hattie Woolridge's brother.

Rev. Whitsitt preached a splendid sermon on Thanksgiving Day at the C. M. E. church. His sermon was very touching. Every one seemed to have been touched with the spirit.

Miss Clara Gibbons, of Peoria, who has been to Lexington, Ky., for several weeks playing at the Allowmead Theater, passed through the city Monday, Nov. 30th, enroute home, and stopped over and visited her cousin, Mrs. Harvey R. King, at her residence, 703 North Elm street.

An informal dance was given by the Uniform Rank Social Club, of Diogenes lodge No 7, Knights of Pythias, at Miebach's Hall, Monday night, was a very enjoyable affair, being attended by seventy-five couples, several of whom were out of town people. The hall was decorated in red, yellow and blue. Music was by the Johnson orchestra, an organization of high class colored talent. Refreshments were servd by Calantha Court No. 8.

Miss Ivandale Rogan, of Decatur, visited Miss Alice Moore, at her residence, 1310 Beslin street, during the week of Thanksgiving.

Don't forget that The Freeman and Chicago Defender is on sale at 32 North Hickory street, by Breedlove & Co.'s News Agency.

Miss Daisy D. Patton, who is attending the Art School in Chicago, was home Thanksgiving.

Miss Helen Reicks, of Chicago, and Miss Katherine Twiggs, of Evanston, were the guests of Miss Daisy D. Patton at her residence, 516 South Matthews avenue, Urbana, during the week of Thanksgiving.

Champaign high school defeated Urbana school football team Thanksgiving day at league by a score of 26 to 6.

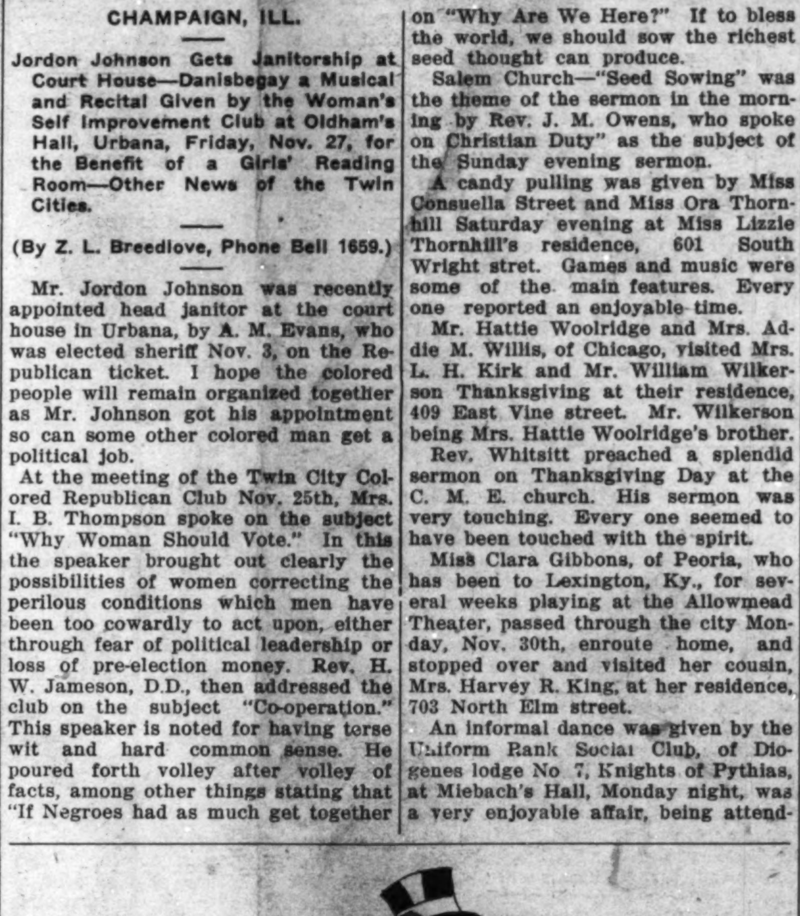
Dr. H. E. Rowan was in Danville Monday on professional business.

Mr. W. L. Davis left Tuesday morning for New York City, where he will spend a few days. From there he will go to Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Tusie Montgomery and Mrs. Arthur Wade spent Thanksgiving in Danville

Pilgrim Knights gave a banquet at Carey's Hall Wednesday evening. Twenty-five were present and every one enjoyed themselves in the highest degree.

Don't forget the Christmas issue of The Freeman which will be 10c per copy.



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LEWISBURG, TENN., NEWS.

(By W. C. Bates.)

The A. M. E. church of this place is preparing for a grand concert under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Allen which will take place Dec. 11, 1914. Plays and singing will be the features of the evening.

Miss Agnes Hurt, of Wrona, Tenn., was here visiting friends and relatives.

SUNDAY EVE. RECITALS AT THE PEKIN

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(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Freeman Bureau, 3000 South State St., Phone, Douglass 8058, Automatic 75-233.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 2.— The lovers of music, mirth and song were agreeably pleased at the first Grand Symphony Orchestra conducted by our very distinguished friend, Mr. Dave Peyton. The news had been heralded far and wide by the lovers of music and the press that this form of entertainment has reached the very omega of the music world. The news had already reached our brothers in the East and the magnitude of its importance had been wafted across the sea. The first program conducted under the auspices here mentioned was given unusual and interesting comment by the press of our city. It was said by many that the press of the city had given the symphony orchestra through its courteous comments a new place in the musical world. The program rendered on this first occasion for the way in which it was conducted and the conduct of the participants far excelled anything of a musical nature rendered in our city for some time.

It is extremely regrettable, however, that like the parable of the sower, this new institution in the infancy of its growth has been choked and throttled in its efforts to bring to the people that high-class musical intelligence which the celebrities long for and desire. Some very unpleasant comments have already come to this office from a number of well known lovers of the art; their adverse criticism seems to hinge on some of the changes made in the make-up of the cast, and it is further claimed that these changes had much to do with the cooling of the ardor of the people with reference to the second entertainment. If the management of the Grand theater expects to continue to grow off of the colored patrons of this city at these concerts it must at least meet them halfway through the medium of high-class entertainment. It is rumored that Miss St. Claire White, one of the most brilliant violinists of the Northwest, who it is alleged by reason of some momentary difference of opinion could not reconcile herself to the arrangements of the Symphony operators, will later appear at the Pekin theater on a Sunday afternoon.

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Essays in and Big Contest Dec. 20.

The essays for the annual literary contest are in and were presented to the judges on Wednesday night of this week. The contest this year is only for those who have formerly won prizes. There will be three young women and three young men in the contest. They will be judged by their knowledge of the subject, composition and delivery on the question, "The Best Solution of the Race Problem in the United States of America." The contest will be held at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon, December 20. The female securing the highest average will be awarded a diamond ring and the male a diamond ring. Misses Curtis, Williams and McCoy are the females, and Marshall, Henry and Lewis are the males. Each have made extensive preparations for the occasion, and it will be a literary treat for all whom it will be their good fortune to be present. Mr. Pitts, president of the Bethel Literary, will be chairman of the occasion, and is being assisted by Mr. Mitchem, a well-known literary man of Chicago. The prizes will be given as usual by Dr. Louis Usellman, 3150 State street. This will be the fifth time Dr. Usellman has given prizes to this literary, and we take occasion to thank him on behalf of the citizens of Chicago for his liberal attitude toward the race for giving prizes that have caused so much literary research among the young people of the Windy City.

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Pekin Theater to Have Sunday Concerts.

Just immediately after the holidays the Pekin theater will give a series of Sunday concerts. It is said that it will be the aim of the promoters to have nothing but real high-class artists that will be cultured and trained. It has been proven that Chicago is ripe for such functions, and that the club women of this city will be urged to give such musicales their hearty support. It is expected that the first will be the initial recital of Miss Hazel Harison, who has been to Berlin, Germany, three years; Mr. Harry Burleigh, of New York City, and Miss St. Claire White, of Chicago, who won three medals at the Chicago Conservatory of Music. Thousands of people in Chicago are just patiently waiting to hear Miss Harrison, who was in the war zone and was forced to come to the States just prior to an appointed time to play before the emperor. In hearing Miss Harrison the people of Chicago will not only hear the rarest treat musically of all countries, but will get the worth of their money.

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Mrs. H. S. Smith Returns Home.

Mrs. H. S. Smith, 3850 Dearborn street, mother of Miss Mabel Smith of the Indianapolis Freeman, has returned to the city after spending several days in the West. When seen by a Freeman reporter, she said: "I was very pleased to make the trip, but there is no place like home."

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Attorney Rapier Here.

Attorney Joseph Rapier, attorney and counselor-at-law, 1951 Washington street, Gary, Ind., was in the city this week on legal business. He was here for admission before the United States Supreme Court in reference to a bankruptcy matter brought before the court in the near future. He was in the city for two days, stopping at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Rapier is a Harvard graduate of law, and received his collegiate education at Howard. He was associated with Ellis and Westbrooks in a matter to be determined in the federal courts.

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Pierot Minstrel Good.

Tom Brown and Billy Johnson, the two versatile comedians with Miss Hattie Wilkes as the interlocutor, brought the Grand something new and startling in the minstrel line. It was about the prettiest setting we have seen, and the show from beginning to end was grand. New jokes, new songs, solos and cello solos were excellent. The finale on Monday night was the most pretentious thing of its kind ever put on at the Grand. Miss Wilkes looked stunning and charming in her gown of foreign importation, and to see her in this queenly fashion was worth the price of admission alone. The gown was four shades of pink, and in it she danced the tango at Moulin Rouge in Paris, France. It was made by Landrof of Paris and cost $1,000, including hosiery, headgear and slippers. Miss Rosa Gordon's solo was the best she has yet rendered on the stage, and equally as fine was that of Miss Wilkes, "When You Play the Game of Love." Tom Brown and Billy Johnson deserve great credit for giving to the Grand three straight weeks of good shows—may they have many more for the patrons.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Penman Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. William Penman, 3435 Wabash avenue, apartment 1, entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner in honor of Mrs. Susie Butler, sister of Mrs. Penman, of Madison, Wis.; Miss Ella Bragg, South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. K. D. Slade, Washiington, D. C.; J. W. Smith, Oshkosh, Wis., and Mrs. Mae Walker of 8 E. 33rd street, this city. Over forty guests were present and dinner was served in nine courses.

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Albert George Instead of Robert George.

In an article about Mr. Albert P. George, the well-known lawyer of this city, the name was printed Robert George. We apologize to Mr. George and state that it was a slip of the pen and not of the mind. The Freeman correspondent is always glad to make amends for typographical mistakes.

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Miss Bessie Mitchell Guest of Miss Clark.

Miss Bessie Mitchell, teacher in the public schools at Indianapolis, Ind., was in the city to spend the holidays, the guest of Miss Elizabeth Clark, of 3812 Wabash avenue. Miss Mitchell attended the Foresters' ball Thanksgiving night, was the guest of Mrs. Helen Thorne at a theater party on Friday, and on Saturday evening Miss

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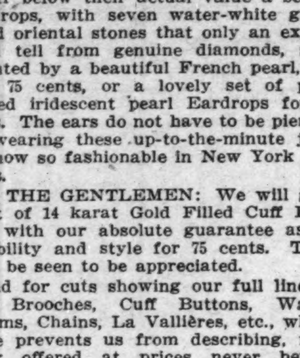
F R E E  F R E E

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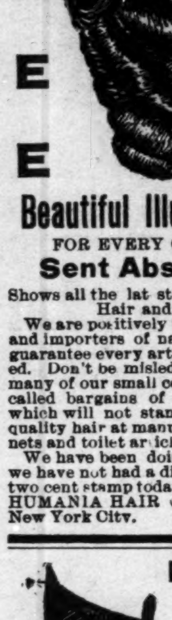

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SAILOR BURTON OF THE U. S. N. HIS AUTOBIOGRAPH.

An Interesting Account of How He Became a Scrapper—Bantam Champ of the Navy for 1914, on U. S. S. Arkansas, Hampton Roads, Va., Nov., 1914.

My biography is not very interesting but so queer and unusual. My full name is Louis Seaton Burton. I was born Tuesday at 2 a. m., July 7, 1894, in Philadelphia, Pa.

My grandfather and father were both sea-going men. At present my father is a steward on the U. S. S. Virginia. It seemed as though the longing for the sea has prevailed in our family. My cousin, Stanley Rogers, is on the U. S. S. Florida, formerly featherweight of the fleet. Before shipping in the navy, I was employed in the Philadelphia navy yard. In the course of four years I was very successful in working my way from messenger boy to a machinist, 3rd class. It was in the navy yard where I started my pugilistic career. There was a fighter from my neighborhood, namely Preston Brown, who was very popular with the ladies, too popular because he took my lady friend. Adding insult to injury, I was given to understand that if I wasn't a fighter I needn't come around. So the next day I spent my weekly allowance for a pair of gloves, and I told my buddie, Jackie Chambers, and my boss, Bobby Calhoun, who liked me very much. Bobby volunteered to teach me boxing. He was lightweight champion of the navy before his enlistment expired. After sending a challenge to all the ships and yards, and meeting all comers I became very good. I boxed around for nearly two years before I mustered up enough courage to go in the ring. So Bobby put up his name to box, (It was a trick and I was not wise until after the bout) and he asked me to second him, thereby getting me down to the club. So on this eventful night all hands mustered strong and it developed that Bobby's hand was broken and I was asked to take his place. I was told if I didn't I would lose my job, besides having all the people in my town know what a yellow guy I was besides telling my mother if I did not go on. She was greatly opposed to my boxing. So I went on and for two rounds I didn't know where I was. Everybody was hollering at me. I had a pair of green tights on and I was boxing an Irishman. So you see just where I stood. At the beginning of the third round I got my bearing and succeeded in flooring him twice in the third and once in the fifth, and from then on navigation was fine, but for three days afterward I was pretty blind.

For the first two rounds that boy gave me one grand pace, never to be forgotten. When I got home I got another beating from mother. And after finding out I won, relented. And best of all, my lady friend was proud of me, whom I got back again. So that is how I got started in the ring. Soon afterwards I tried to enlist in the navy but I was too short, being a little under 5 feet and only weighed 105 pounds. So Bobby went and saw Commander Moffet and told him my desire. I told my lady friend and she would not think of it. About three months afterwards we had a scrap and on the impulse of the moment I shipped with Commander Moffet. My first navy bout was in Havana, Cuba, and after boxing three rounds my opponent, instead of going to his corner, kept on walking out of the ring, and I have never seen him since. Probably he is still walking. We have over 1,100 men on board, and there are athletes of all descriptions and people of all races and parts of the world. Consequently it is very interesting aboard here. When the ships are together each ship has meets of different kinds as there is much rivalry between ships. Once a week or oftener we have what we call "happy hours." That includes boxing, singing, dancing and movies. These happy hours are no-decision bouts, but are in a way preliminary bouts for the official smoker. Official bouts are for decisions, and if a bout results in a draw, you keep on boxing until it is declared something else. We are having target practice now and we expect to be in New York City December 3rd, 1914, and it is my intention to make a tour of the big cities boxing as I will be granted 30 days furlough.

I had the pleasure last fall while our ship, Arkansas, was in Naples, Italy, to take a trip to Paris, France, a two days trip on train and boxed before President Poinciani, the president of France, having Mr. George Carpentier as third man in the ring. It was a six-round exhibition with one of their local favorites.

I have started training ,as my hand has healed from an operation which I had performed on from an old wound received in Mexico, and, to my surprise, I have retained my old hitting power and I can hit quick and with safety. It was during the landing of Americans, marines and sailors in Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 22, 1914. I was very unfortunate in being shot in the hand. Our ship was very lucky, because we only lost two men killed and eleven wounded. I was very disappointed because I thought we were going to fight in an open field just like the pictures I have seen with a band playing and the captain waving his sword, etc. Instead, I found we had to fight in streets, alleys, and houses, sleeping with our clothes on and eating canned bill (corned beef) and bread and warm water. It was sickening, for some of the Mexicans were lying dead in the streets for days at a time. It was my unlucky job after the fighting for me, for I had to help pile the dead up in a pile so they could be burned. Believe me, it was some job, and take it from me, I was for the first time really scared, for I was assigned to the 12-to-4 watch (12 o'clock midnight to 4 a. m.), dead watch, and you know how much use I have for the dead people. The way we did during the fighting was for each ship's company to take a central street and go from house to house and chase all the soldiers out. A very funny incident occurred and I have to laugh when I think of it. There was a Mexican soldier who gave me a lot of trouble and we cornered him in a house and he pretended he was shot and then a red cross (Mexican) came and got him, and someone made a suggestion that we search the stretcher. We pulled the sheet up and we found him very much alive with two revolvers and gun alongside of him.

As far as I can account for, I'm only responsible for three Mexicans biting the dust. That was in self-defense. It was in each case him or me ,and if they had known that for two straight rifle matches I got two medals for marksmanship I guess they would have shuffled off. I never knew that those rifle practices would save my life. In my opinion, I thought there would be no more war; well in fact, it was no war—only a campaign. I might have gotten more spicks than I did, but you never can tell when you are firing in volleys. Firing in volley is a squad or company firing at once by command.

After we had succeeded in driving the soldiers out of Vera Cruz, we gave liberty and the people treated us royally; better than we expected under the circumstances. It certainly was a blessing to be up north again after eight months in the tropics. While down in Vera Cruz I succeeded in gaining the bantam weight championship of the navy, also a medal of "honor" and a letter of recommendation. It is my ambition now to meet the colored fighter who is recognized as the bantam weight champion of America before I am through my enlistment, which is October 24, 1916.

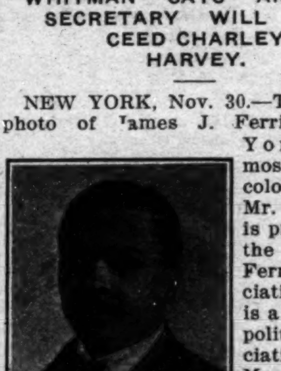
I hope to see this in your valuable paper, as I think it might be interesting to some of your readers. I will close with a challenge to all bantams. I am open for dates after I fight Mark Spencer in Boston at the Atlas A. A. for 12 rounds, December 10, 1914.

Yours respectfully,
SAILOR BURTON,
U. S. S. Arkansas.
1914 Bantam Champion U. S. Navy.

P. S.: The only colored American fighter down there was Jim Smith, the middleweight champion of Mexico . It was my hard luck not to find anybody under 125 pounds.

NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHITMAN SAYS ANOTHER SECRETARY WILL SUCCEED CHARLEY HARVEY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—This is the photo of James J. Ferribee, New York City's most popular colored sport. Mr. Ferribee is president of the James J. Ferribee Association which is a social and political association. When Mr. Whitman proved himself successful as New York's district attorney, Mr. Ferribee's association held a special meeting and indorsed him for governor. He readily accepted the indorsement and sent letters of thanks to Ferribee's association and when Mr. Whitman secured the nomination to be a Republican candidate for governor, Mr. Ferribee had an interview with Mr. Whitman and he promised Mr. Ferribee that if he was elected be would take the ban off and give every man an equal chance in the boxing game regardless of race, creed or color. The game is practically on the bum here on account of Mr. O'Neil, Major Dixon and Charley Harvey's move. No doubt the promoters will welcome the lifting of the ban and all New York is quite confident that Mr. Whitman will play his part. The recent knockout blow handed California, which means Sunny Jim Coffroth elsewhere for his share, while Uncle Tom McCarey must do likewise. Already many New Orleans' best sporting writers have sent Mr. Coffroth the card of, but in a case like this, Mr. Dormouck Tortorich must be pleased with this move as he is due much credit for the great success of New Orleans as a boxing center. Then should Jas. J. Coffroth find it his fortune to open the proposed big arena in New Orleans? What will Thomas McCarey see bright. New Orleans is the only place running twenty round match and Billy Gibson and Jack Curley saw it first in Mexico and if the game booms there we may rest assured that Mr. Gibson will gladly give up his interest in the Fairmond Club now running under very poor conditions. That only goes to prove that the game here is bad. One can easily remember the great cards Mr. Gibson arranged last year and in Europe the war has the best of it. There is even champion Freddie Welsh here, while he may have remained there for a while longer had it not been for the war. Others are Colin Bell and Sam McVey who no doubt feared the war; Joe Jeannette, the clever Hoboken, N. J., heavyweight accused of queering boxing game in New York City. Many blame it on money-hungry promoters who would match unexperienced men with top notchers because they could figure on one boxer as the attraction and pay small prices for a larger. This happened some time ago in one of the local clubs. They matched Jeannette and some well boasted foreigner and after being so badly battered he was knocked out by Jeannette and after this the commissioners began planning to stop mixed bouts. They finally agreed and their plans went through easily. With Coffroth and McCaven idle and with the great success of Charlie White in his recent ring battles, Chicago may have six-round bouts. May such be the case, it is a certainty that Jas. J. Coffroth or Thomas McCaven will not act until a regular commission is appointed. Mr. Jas. J. Ferribee, who has managed some of the greatest and best mitt men in the roped arena, is now manager of young Geo. Dixon, the clever Chicago featherweight, who now claims the colored feather weight championship of the world and will defend his title against all comers. Dixon is matched for several eastern engagements, after which he expects to go west to fill a few theatrical engagements in order to return here the latter part of January for a busy 1915 campaign. Dixon's big athletic show has been quite an attraction in the east. Address all communications to Jas. J. Ferribee, 525 Lenox Ave., New York City.



FOOTBALL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR WILL ESTABLISH NEW RECORD.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The football attendance receipts this year will establish new high records. The attendance of all the important games this year has been greater than ever before.

The war may have crimped the base ball patronage, but it has had no effect upon the college sport. More than 1,000,000 persons will see the big games in the different parts of the country, and the average price per head will be $1.50, bringing the total outlay up to $1,500,000.

In other years football attendance was made up largely of students or graduates of the universities engaged in the battling. That part of the public which had no alma mater and which got all its learning in the grammar schools or in the schools of business didn't patronize the games to any extent. But this year it is different.

Football has made a strong appeal to all the classes in the past two years. The adoption of the open-style game that permits the spectators to see what is going on and which simplifies the game from the spectator's viewpoint has enabled tens of thousands of persons to grasp the intricacies of football, and these thousands have become enthusiastic rooters.

The receipts of the Harvard-Michigan game were in the neighborhood of $50,000 The Harvard-Princeton game receipts were over $70,000. The Yale-Princeton receipts probably will total $70,000, while the receipts from the Yale-Harvard game, which will be played next Saturday, will reach over $125,000.

The receipts for the three big games would have been larger had the accommodations for spectators been greater. The Yale Bowl will seat 70,000. When it was in the course of construction it was said by some that the stands never could be filled. Yet requests for more than 120,000 seats were made for that game. The requests for seats for the Yale-Princeton game were thousands in excess of the ticket supply.

Attempts are now being made to steal from the so-called "smaller" colleges the glory that is theirs through beating or tying the big elevens, by charging that those small colleges hire professional football players to bolster up their ranks.

The chances are 10 to 1 that there is absolutely no truth in the charges—that the charges are false and that they can not be backed up. As is usual with charges of this kind, no real names are mentioned in the article. The indictment is a blanket one.

Whenever a "small" eleven that has a student enrollment about one-fifth or one-tenth that of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Michigan, Chicago or the other big colleges, ambles along and knocks the wadding out of the big college, such charges usually follow the "old grads" and the students of the big colleges can't see how it is possible for a small college eleven to wallop a big college eleven unless there is some crooked work behind it. So they charge that the small colleges used "ringers." They assert blatantly that "no small college team could beat us otherwise."

In the olden days the chances of a small eleven beating a big eleven were remote, because old style football ruled and beef and muscle triumphed 99 times out of 100. But in these modern days when the open game is in force, when speed and brains ar egreater assets than beef, there always is a great degree of uncertainty as to just how a football game will end.

It is charged that one of the small elevens that gave a big eleven a beautiful beating used a professional in one of the guard positions. Taking it from the statements made one is led to believe that this "professional" guard was solely responsible for the victory of the small eleven. Every one is left to assume that as soon as the game began the simon-pure amateurs on the small team quit work and let the professional on the job, the said professional playing all the positions by his lonesome.

The small colleges, we are informed through the medium of the article, hire professional football players at an average wage of $25 or $30 a month and board. This statement is laughable. If a youth is husky enough to play guard on a college eleven he certainly is husky enough to tackle some other sort of job. And any old kind of a job would pay him more than $30 per month, that's a cinch. Furthermore, mighty few jobs that he would tackle would involve the same risks to life and limb as football does.

If the charges had declared that the alleged "ringers" get $500 a month there might have been some who would have given the matter consideration. But $30 sounds like bunk.

WOLGAST EARNED BIG MONEY IN RING DESPITE HIS BAD LUCK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Ad Wolgast, who strove so valiantly to regain his title from Freddie Welsh a week ago Monday ,has earned more money in the ring than any lightweight in the history of the game. Adolph, who for several years struggled along under the appellation of the "cheese champion" (inflicted upon him by Battling Nelson), has poured a mite over $300,000 into his coffers since he adopted boxing as a profession seven years ago.

Of this vast sum Promoter Tom McCarey chipped in over $90,000 in the form of purses. The other coast promoter, Jim Coffroth, contributed somewhat over $80,000 in purses.

The largest lump sum Wolgast ever received for one battle was $47,000 for his fight with Jose Rivers at Vernon, Cal., on July 4 two years ago. Rivers was knocked out in 13 rounds. Wolgast received $20,097 as his end of the receipts and $27,000 for his moving picture rights. The receipts totaled $43,000.

Wolgast has engaged in no less than 11 fights in which the receipts aggregated over $25,000. Little Ad has never suffered the ignominy of a knockout and has been floored but twice in his ring career—once when he won the title from Nelson and the other time when he lost the premier honors to Ritchie.

Adolphus has the betting fever in most aggravated form. He never fails to back himself heavily for a fight, as he says that is the inspiration he needs to battle in his best form. In his championship battle with Nelson, Wolgast backed himself to the extent of $5,400, which he won, and he lost $7,000 in wagers when he passed over the title to Ritchie.

And all this despite the fact that Wolgast's hands are brittle. The diminutive Michigander is the unluckiest first-rank fighter in the game and he has lost close to $100,000 through injuries sustained just prior to big battles. Wolgast is now in moving pictures.

Other pugilists who have seen their best days in the ring are turning to another field of endeavor to gather in the shekels. The motion picture game has countless former ring men in its midst, but as yet not one has ascended to stardom. Generally they are to be found in the mob scene at $2.50 per diem.

Sailor Burke tried his hand at posing for the "movies" several weeks ago and quit in a huff after one day's work. He toted a spear around for a performance and upon being presented with a regulation $2.50, quit on the spot. The Sailor considered his efforts more valuable and thus a star was lost to the moving picture world.

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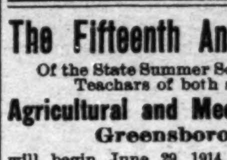

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NEWS OF CHURCHES, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Special to The Freeman:

GREENVILLE. Tex.—All of the churches were well attended Sunday. .. Mrs. Ivy King is reported very sick. .. Mrs. Maggie Rutherford, of Dallas, has moved to this city to live with her father, Mr. Will Rutherford. .. The wedding bells chimed in North Greenville Saturday night, November 21, when Mr. J. Elmore and Mrs. Mariah Hisbon were united in marriage at the home of the bride on North Clark street, in the presence of intimate friends and relatives. Mr. Elmore is to be congratulated upon winning the hand and heart of such a noble woman, and we wish for them happiness and prosperity. .. Mrs. Johnnie Johnson and Miss Clyde Benning were quietly married Saturday night, November 21st. Mr. Johnson is a very sturdy young man with sterling qualities and is a worthy employe of the M. K. & T. railway, and Miss Benning is a very sweet and charming young lady, who hails from Sulphur Springs. We welcome her to the city, church and society. They have the best wishes of their many friends. .. Mr. Isham Brown and Mrs. Minnie Rhoades were married November 15th at the home of the bride's mother on North Wright street, and have the congratulations of their many friends for a long and happy union. .. Mrs. Cathern Owens returned from a week's stay with her sick niece in Gainesville, Tex. .. Mr. Wade Andrews, of Troupe, Tex., has joined his wife in this city, who will teach school in Home Oak this season. .. Mrs. Arthur Williams has returned from several months' stay in Waco. The entire city was shocked beyond measure Monday night, November 23, when the sad news reached the city of the sudden death of Mr. A. P. Thomas, which occurred at Campbell, Tex . Mr. Thomas has for a number of years been connected with the business interests of the city. He conducted a fish market very successfully for about ten years and for the last few years he has been writing insurance, and at the time of his death he was making his business rounds. Mr. Thomas was a consistent Christian and a member of New Hope Baptist church and will be missed by his many friends and relatives. He leaves a brother and two sisters to mourn his untimely death, who have the sympathy of their many friends. Funeral services were held at New Hope Baptist church, Rev. Felix Jones officiating. Funeral directed by the A. D. Key undertaking establishment. .. Miss Jennie Ratten spent Sunday with home folks from her school in Lamar county. She returned Monday. .. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howell are here from Oklahoma visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. B. Howell. .. Mr. James Augustus died at his home Monday evening, November 23, after a long illness. He wa sa good man and had many friends. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge. He leaves a wife and other relatives that could not be located. Was buried Tuesday evening under the ceremony of the Odd Fellows lodge. The bereaved have the sympathy of many friends in this sad hour. .. The Silver Leaf Club met at the home of Miss Myrtle Oliver Wednesday evening, November 18th, with a good attendance. The roll was called and each member responded with quotations. It was voted to take up Bible discussions at the next meeting, after which the guests were served dainty refreshments. The club adjourned to meet with Miss Daisy Mae Strickland, Wednesday evening, November 25th. .. Miss Iona Catchings reopened her school at Wolf Creek Monday morning, November 23, after attending the teachers institute. .. Mrs. Mary Harris opened her school at Lone Oak Monday morning. .. Miss Winnie Long opened her school at Quinlin Monday morning, November 23. .. Mrs. Nannie Hall, of the Slack community, is reported as being very ill. .. Sick list: Mrs. Lizzie Palmer, Mrs. Mary Warren, Mrs. Burnett. .. Our next serial picture at the Pastime Theatre, "Lucile Love," the girl of mystery, will be shown the first Monday in December. .. Freeman on sale every Saturday at the Pastime Theater . W. D. Pratt, reporter.

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Items of socials, churches, lodges, clubs and business parties or persons, firms and corporations are given the best attention weekly by our news gatherers in Dallas. The squad is just the kind you like to meet and greet and that they never fail to land, is why you hear the name of the Freeman ringing her and there.

Mrs. Charlie Moore is busy with her school work and reports a large enrollment of pupils.

The rains made it almost impossible to walk on some of the streets in the various districts where our people are the largest property owners and the streets are not to blame. Owners, do your duty. A properly signed petition and some one to present it to the commissioners will be a good starter towards the needs of street improvements in the districts of colored people.

Just a few more days before old Santa Claus will visit the good boys and girls and old folks too if they have the price planked down before he starts.

Mr. Ellis Willis, one of the moguls of the treating trust of Dallas, got a going bee into his head one day last week and went to Houston, where he visited his Bayou City friends. His souvenirs were Dallas hamburgers as long as they lasted. At Ennis and Corsicana he had to replenish his stock with the porter or T. P. & W. This he could not do so he coughed up. He is back with lots of tales to tell. He has one for you.

Mrs. Martha Whittaker, on Royal street, feasted the members and visitors of the G. L. P. S. Club at her residence last Monday afternoon. A most fashionable gathering assembled and a topical time was had.

Mrs. Dean Rowell is home from a several days' stay in the Panther City visiting friends.

The idlers and loafing elements are told to beat it. The sharks are up to the game and change their beats when the law changes their morning, noon and night.

H. W. Scott, the grocer, has just what you wish in his line.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Calhoun are now residing at 1905 Hall street.

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It is pay time for the last time in this year so have it ready when the collector calls as he needs it badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Kennady of Rockdale, Texas, are in the metropolis and contemplate making it their future home.

Rev. W. L. Dixon is being much talked of these days for his master piece sermons on Industrial Uplift.

Performers will do themselves a bit of beneficial saving by addressing their open time in to Mr. Ed Lee, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. E. D. Dane, of Neoasha, Kan., and Mrs. R. L. Adams, of Omaha, Neb., are here visiting their mother, Mrs. Francis Tolliver, 2914 Trinidad street.

Mr. Roy Ruff has quit the bunch and got married to Mrs. Della Burks of Willow street.

Mr. Henry James is slowing up on his hard running and is soon to wed one of the fair damsels of the metropolis.

The new uniforms for the First Regiment K. of P. band recently ordered, have arrived and will be worn by the members at their banquet Wednesday night, December 9, 1914, at the Majestic Club hall. Invitations are being sent out by the members and the invitation committee. Let the members and Court of Calantha of the Knights of Pythias do their full duty here in giving these musicians their financial aid and come out to their banquet. You are welcome.

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Mrs. L. E. Cunningham, of Caldwell, Kansas, is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hensley, 708 Horton street and is being shown every courtesy that goes to make her two weeks' stay a pleasure.

Miss Ada Mead, of San Marcus, Texas, reports a jolly time while here spending two months visiting in the metropolis.

Dr. T. P. Mayes, of the Mayes Medicine Co., is spending awhile on business in Muskogee, Okla., in the interest of the company and visiting his better half.

Mrs. B. E. Hendricks, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks with pneumonia, is slowly on the recovery.

The improvement on the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Gregory on Gilliott street, looks very progressive.

Several auto parties from the city attended the wedding of Mr. M. C. Tabb and Miss Coombs, at Grand Prairie Tuesday night and showered them with congratulations, presents and rice and wished them abundant success.

Mr. Willie Grice, of Waco, spent a few days here visiting relatives and friends. He looks very much like a married man since he calls Waco his home. So says his uncle, Mr. Nelson Jones.

The following persons want the Freeman in their homes: Frank Bledsoe, Dr. W. H. Anderson, Mr. Ed Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Johnson, Mrs. I. H. Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Jones, Miss Mary Howard and Mrs. Willie Mai Evans.

Dr. A. E. Ponchee, a graduate of the Illinois University, of Chicago, is here spending two weeks visiting old lifelong friends, Mr. Chas. Christopher and wife at 2800 Hallville street.

Mr. A. R. Flagg, of Hutchins, spent awhile here on business and returned home Sunday.

The crew of workers at the new Live Oak cafe all read the Freeman and praise it at all times.

Dallas is getting to be the performers' winter headquarters.

All the picture houses on the Central avenue stroll are doing a big business on Sunday.

Henry Smith and the York bunch keep fat and cheery out of the south pole and those big porterhouses they carry. Mother Grace is one of the shining lights with her shiners but has been indisposed for a few days.

The new pressing shop on Elm street is where you will be treated right in work.

Mr. Gasper spent Sunday with his family at Corsician and reported for duty with Mr. Bishop Johnson Monday.

Mr. Columbus Johnson is nursing a mashed right toe.

Mr. Frank Mullin is at home from a few days' handshaking with friends at Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. C. Griffin and Master J. G. Griffin, Jr., are up after several days' illness.

LIMA, OHIO.

Miss Cheney, of Coatsville, is the guest of Miss-Marie Sims.

Mrs. Bozzell received the sad news of the death of her father in Zanesville, Ohio.

Miss Lettie King is going to Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. William Harrison has opened a game and fish market. We wish him success.

Rev. Lowery of Cleveland, Ohio, preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday.

Prof. E. W. B. Curry and Captain F. L. Reynolds, of Urbana, Ohio, attended the corn boys reception at Memorial hall Friday night in the interest of our own boys and girls. The professor and the captain look forward to the time when there will be some inducement extended which will encourage scientific farming and specially corn raising among the colored youths of Ohio. While in the city they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moxley.

THE WRITINGS OF SIDNEY C. TOPP, OF THE BIBLICAL SOCIETY.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The second anniversary of the writings of Sidney C. Tapp on the Bible will be given at the Fraternal Hall, 1109 Grand avenue, Sunday, December 6th, at 8 p. m. The program for the occasion is well thought out. Among those who will take part are Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter, Gus. T. Wasson, attorney, and L. A. Knox, attorney, three well known colored citizens.

ALEXANDRIA, LA.

The faculty and students of Lampton College rendered an excellent program on Thanksgiving evening. The faculty and students of Central Louisiana Academy rendered a fine program on last Friday, November 27. The night students took an active part. C. L. A. is the only school in the city that is having night school. It is under the management of Principal H. T. Wise.

ST. PETERSBURG FLA., NEWS.

(By Miles S. Washington.)

The new skating rink has opened up and the young set are enjoying themselves very much. .. The B. Y. P. U. choir practice every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. All the young boys are invited to join. .. Samuel Harper, captain of the Western Cadet Co., No. 18, requests all of the members to be present at every drill night, as we are preparing the company for the trip to Tallahassee next May. .. Subscribe for The Freeman and pay the boy up promptly, as he can not let you have the paper the next time. The paper is for sale at Budd's drug store, also at 811 Second avenue.

BOZEMAN, MONT.

Special to The Freeman.

News reached here through Mr. Albert Marshall, that Mr. Serlus Grove fought a draw at Helena, Mont. on the 26th, with Mr. Frankie Hays of Butte, Mont., before the H. A. C.

Mr. Serlus Groves, through his manager, challenges any 133 pounder. Write Mr. A. Marshall, Elks' Home, Bozeman, Mont.

Mrs. Mat H. Walker is convalescent.

Mrs. James Simms, owing to ill health, left for a visit with her.

Mr. Eli Rogers is convalescent.

MOUND CITY, ILL.

The Pulaski County Teachers' Association met the 27th and 28th. A high class of addresses were delivered by Dr. L. C. Lord, president of East Illinois State Normal University, Charleston, Ill.; Miss Fadra R. Homes, critic teacher in Southern Illinois State Normal University and by A. L. Whittenberg, of the State Department of Public Instruction, Springfield. All those present expressed themselves as having been much benefited by this meeting. This association is one of the best conducted teachers' gatherings in the State, being composed of all the colored and the white teachers. Amity and comity have prevailed here for twenty-five years. The position of secretary has been conceded to some teacher of the Lovejoy school ever since its beginning, which position is held at present by Miss Corressia McCray. Of all programs and committees we are given an equal showing and no attempt is made to "Jim Crow" or segregate us but we meet and do business without the least friction yet socially we do not mix in our functions. The good feeling that exists between the citizens of this county is something to be admired.

J. G. Steele, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades in our public school, who has been coroner of this county for more than twenty years, was called to Mounds on the night of Thanksgiving to hold an inquest.

Rev. Smith, of the First Free Baptist church, has been conducting a revival meeting for several weeks.

A reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rice, Friday evening at their residence in honor of Miss M. B. Kenedy of St. Louis, which was enjoyed by a few friends from Chicago, Cairo, Metropolis, Mounds, Mound City. Music was furnished by Mr. A. Clemons and E. J. Bolen.

TALKATIVE BOXERS WIN IN THE RING

Many Instances in History Where "Kidding" Paved Way for Landing the Knockout Punch.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 10.—The practice of boxers "kidding" or taunting each other in the ring is as old as the history of boxing itself, and the art of cutting conversation has many times been employed to influence the result of a battle by principals who were not inclined to admit the truth of the adage which states that "Silence is golden."

It will be remembered that Jim Corbett, when acting as second for Jeffries in the lamentable Reno burlesque made free use of all the powers of sarcasm he possessed in an attempt to get Jack Johnson rattled. Jim was a pretty good hand at that sort of thing in the days when he was an active factor in ring engagements, and more than once talked an opponent into a state of fury, with the result that the furious one lost control of himself and left openings which Corbett was quick to take advantage of.

At Reno, however, the gag didn't work. The negro merely grinned in response to Corbett's taunts, and occasionally fired back a timely answer over Jeffries' shoulder. It was Corbett's "goat" that suffered capture instead of the intended victim's, and Jim was in a peach of a temper by the time hostilities were finished.

When Charley Mitchell and Jim Corbett met for the heavyweight title at Jacksonville, Fla., the former was in anything but good shape and knew well that his chances of victory were slim to the point of elimination. Mitchell figured that if he could only make Corbett fight wild in the opening round there was a chance of nailing Jim on the jaw and closing things up in a hurry.

Consequently, when the principals and seconds stepped to the center of the arena for instructions by the referee, Charley bent over to Corbett and hissed a rapid string of insults into the American's ear. What he said would not bear publication, for Mitchell was a master of billingsgate and general obscenity when he chose to turn himself in that direction. His remarks on Corbett's probable ancestry and habits were barbed with venom and Jim turned deathly white with rage.

Mitchell was knocked out in the third round and when the accounts of the battle were published every one was surprised to note that the clever, cautious Corbett had for once thrown science to the winds and slugged like a madman. This was exactly what Mitchell wanted him to do, and the Englishman actually succeeded in gaining first blood with a straight, stinging drive to Corbett's face that brought the claret pumping freely from Jim's nostrils. But that was as far as Charles got with his well-laid scheme. He had managed to make Corbett fighting mad—never before or after did the latter ever swing as wildly as when he was making honest endeavors to separate Charley's headpiece from his shoulders—but the American was too big, strong and fast for his opponent, and crushed him by sheer force.

The only defeat suffered by Terry McGovern prior to the fateful day when he met his waterloo at the hands of Young Corbett was caused by loss of temper due to remarks made by his opponent. The latter was Tim Callahan, one of the cleverest featherweights ever developed in this city. Billy Roche, the veteran referee and trainer, was seconding Callahan. The bout took place in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 23, 1896.

The lads were boxing under "clean break" rules, a style that was not suited to Terry's liking, for as every one knows it was at close quarters and hammering away in the clinches that the Brooklyn terror shone. Still Terry was doing very well and Roche early realized that unless something unexpected happened Callahan would surely pull down the short end of the money. At the close of the tenth round Callahan staggered to his corner in bad shape. Roche whispered something in his ear. Callahan nodded assent and sprang briskly up at the sound of the gong.

As he squared off McGovern rushed as usual and Tim went to the clinch in a hurry. "Break!" yelled the referee, but Callahan held on, and muttered to McGovern in bitter accents:

"You got the gall to call yourself a true Irishman, you dockrat. Every one knows you're an A. P. A."

This insult set Terry's Celtic blood aflame. He gripped Callahan around the neck with his left arm and laced him in the stomach with the right. It was a clear foul and the referee at once stopped the proceedings and declared Callahan the winner.

Kid McCoy had a nasty way of sneering at and saying sarcastic things to an opponent, and nearly drove Peter Maher wild with his jeers and insults when he knocked the big Celt out at Coney Island, Jan. 1, 1900. Tommy Ryan had little to say when in action, excepting when he was opposed to Mysterious Billy Smith. There was no love lost between these two; perhaps it is not too much to say that they hated each other worse than any pair of gloved gents who ever adorned the roped arena. They met several times in the ring, and on each occasion a swearing duel ensued that turned the atmosphere blue.

During one of his battles with Joe Walcott, Smith so worked upon the feelings of the Negro with terse, scathing comments that the Barbadoes darkey went fairly up in the air. Tom O'Rourke, who was seconding Joe, tried vainly to quiet him, but Walcott boxed so wildly that Smith outpointed him two to one, and got the decision.

Just before Young Corbett struck the downgrade he was matched with Jack O'Neill, in this city. O'Neill was a tough fellow and as Corbett was hot-fat the pace began to tell upon him. Early in the fifth round, while the men were sparring for an opening, Corbett suddenly glanced over at O'Neill's corner.

"What are those fellows climbing into the ring for, Jack?" he queried in a surprised tone. "They haven't any business there."

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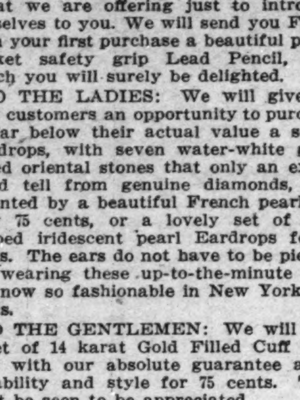

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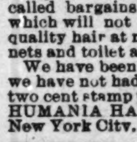

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My biography is not very interesting but so queer and unusual. My full name is Louis Seaton Burton. I was born Tuesday at 2 a. m., July 7, 1894, in Philadelphia, Pa.

My grandfather and father were both sea-going men. At present my father is a steward on the U. S. S. Virginia. It seemed as though the longing for the sea has prevailed in our family. My cousin, Stanley Rogers, is on the U. S. S. Florida, formerly featherweight of the fleet. Before shipping in the navy, I was employed in the Philadelphia navy yard. In the course of four years I was very successful in working my way from messenger boy to a machinist, 3rd class. It was in the navy yard where I started my pugilistic career. There was a fighter from my neighborhood, namely Preston Brown, who was very popular with the ladies, too popular because he took my lady friend. Adding insult to injury, I was given to understand that if I wasn't a fighter I needn't come around. So the next day I spent my weekly allowance for a pair of gloves, and I told my buddie, Jackie Chambers, and my boss, Bobby Calhoun, who liked me very much. Bobby volunteered to teach me boxing. He was lightweight champion of the navy before his enlistment expired. After sending a challenge to all the ships and yards, and meeting all comers I became very good. I boxed around for nearly two years before I mustered up enough courage to go in the ring. So Bobby put up his name to box, (It was a trick and I was not wise until after the bout) and he asked me to second him, thereby getting me down to the club. So on this eventful night all hands mustered strong and it developed that Bobby's hand was broken and I was asked to take his place. I was told if I didn't I would I would lose my job, besides having all the people in my town know what a yellow guy I was besides telling my mother if I did not go on. She was greatly opposed to my boxing. So I went on and for two rounds I didn't know where I was. Everybody was hollering at me. I had a pair of green tights on and I was boxing an Irishman. So you see just where I stood. At the beginning of the third round I got my bearing and succeeded in flooring him twice in the third and once in the fifth, and from then on navigation was fine, but for three days afterward I was pretty blind.

For the first two rounds that boy gave me one grand pace, never to be forgotten. When I got home I got another beating from mother. And after finding out I won, relented. And best of all, my lady friend was proud of me, whom I got back again. So that is how I got started in the ring. Soon afterwards I tried to enlist in the navy but I was too short, being a little under 5 feet and only weighed 105 pounds. So Bobby went and saw Commander Moffet and told him my desire. I told my lady friend and she would not think of it. About three months afterwards we had a scrap and on the impulse of the moment I shipped with Commander Moffet. My first navy bout was in Havana, Cuba, and after boxing three rounds my opponent, instead of going to his corner, kept on walking out of the ring, and I have never seen him since. Probably he is still walking. We have over 1,100 men on board, and there are athletes of all descriptions and people of all races and parts of the world. Consequently it is very interesting aboard here. When the ships are together each ship has meets of different kinds as there is much rivalry between ships. Once a week or oftener we have what we call "happy hours." That includes boxing, singing, dancing and movies. These happy hours are no-decision bouts, but are in a way preliminary bouts for the official smoker. Official bouts are for decisions, and if a bout results in a draw, you keep on boxing until it is declared something else. We are having target practice now and we expect to be in New York City December 3rd, 1914, and it is my intention to make a tour of the big cities boxing as I will be granted 30 days furlough.

I had the pleasure last fall while our ship, Arkansas, was in Naples, Italy, to take a trip to Paris, France, a two days trip on train and boxed before President Poinciani, the president of France, having Mr. George Carpentier as third man in the ring. It was a six-round exhibition with one of their local favorites.

I have started training ,as my hand has healed from an operation which I had performed on from an old wound received in Mexico, and, to my surprise, I have retained my old hitting power and I can hit quick and with safety. It was during the landing of Americans, marines and sailors in Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 22, 1914. I was very unfortunate in being shot in the hand. Our ship was very lucky, because we only lost two men killed and eleven wounded. I was very disappointed because I thought we were going to fight in an open field just like the pictures I have seen with a band playing and the captain waving his sword, etc. Instead, I found we had to fight in streets, alleys, and houses, sleeping with our clothes on and eating canned bill (corned beef) and bread and warm water. It was sickening, for some of the Mexicans were lying dead in the streets for days at a time. It was my unlucky job after the fighting for me, for I had to help pile the dead up in a pile so they could be burned. Believe me, it was some job, and take it from me, I was for the first time really scared, for I was assigned to the 12-to-4 watch (12 o'clock midnight to 4 a. m.), dead watch, and you know how much use I have for the dead people. The way we did during the fighting was for each ship's company to take a central street and go from house to house and chase all the soldiers out. A very funny incident occurred and I have to laugh when I think of it. There was a Mexican soldier who gave me a lot of trouble and we cornered him in a house and he pretended he was shot and then a red cross (Mexican) came and got him, and someone made a suggestion that we search the stretcher. We pulled the sheet up and we found him very much alive with two revolvers and gun alongside of him.

As far as I can account for, I'm only responsible for three Mexicans biting the dust. That was in self-defense. It was in each case him or me ,and if they had known that for two straight rifle matches I got two medals for marksmanship I guess they would have shuffled off. I never knew that those rifle practices would save my life. In my opinion, I thought there would be no more war; well in fact, it was no war—only a campaign. I might have gotten more spicks than I did, but you never can tell when you are firing in volleys. Firing in volley is a squad or company firing at once by command.

After we had succeeded in driving the soldiers out of Vera Cruz, we gave liberty and the people treated us royally; better than we expected under the circumstances. It certainly was a blessing to be up north again after eight months in the tropics. While down in Vera Cruz I succeeded in gaining the bantam weight championship of the navy, also a medal of "honor" and a letter of recommendation. It is my ambition now to meet the colored fighter who is recognized as the bantam weight champion of America before I am through my enlistment, which is October 24, 1916.

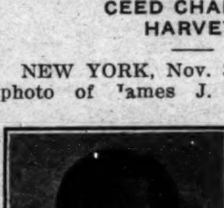
I hope to see this in your valuable paper, as I think it might be interesting to some of your readers. I will close with a challenge to all bantams. I am open for dates after I fight Mark Spencer in Boston at the Atlas A. A. for 12 rounds, December 10, 1914.

Yours respectfully,
SAILOR BURTON,
U. S. S. Arkansas.
1914 Bantam Champion U. S. Navy.

P. S.: The only colored American fighter down there was Jim Smith, the middleweight champion of Mexico . It was my hard luck not to find anybody under 125 pounds.

NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHITMAN SAYS ANOTHER SECRETARY WILL SUCCEED CHARLEY HARVEY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—This is the photo of James J. Ferribee, New York City's most popular colored sport. Mr. Ferribee is president of the James J. Ferribee Association which is a social and political association. When Mr. Whitman proved himself successful as New York's district attorney, Mr. Ferribee's association held a special meeting and indorsed him for governor. He readily accepted the indorsement and sent letters of thanks to Ferribee's association and when Mr. Whitman secured the nomination to be a Republican candidate for governor, Mr. Ferribee had an interview with Mr. Whitman and he promised Mr. Ferribee that if he was elected be would take the ban off and give every man an equal chance in the boxing game regardless of race, creed or color. The game is practically on the bum here on account of Mr. O'Neil, Major Dixon and Charley Harvey's move. No doubt the promoters will welcome the lifting of the ban and all New York is quite confident that Mr. Whitman will play his part. The recent knockout blow handed California, which means Sunny Jim Coffroth elsewhere for his share, while Uncle Tom McCarey must do likewise. Already many New Orleans' best sporting writers have sent Mr. Coffroth the card of, but in a case like this, Mr. Dormouck Tortorich must be pleased with this move as he is due much credit for the great success of New Orleans as a boxing center. Then should Jas. J. Coffroth find it his fortune to open the proposed big arena in New Orleans? What will Thomas McCarey see bright. New Orleans is the only place running twenty round match and Billy Gibson and Jack Curley saw it first in Mexico and if the game booms there we may rest assured that Mr. Gibson will gladly give up his interest in the Fairmond Club now running under very poor conditions. That only goes to prove that the game here is bad. One can easily remember the great cards Mr. Gibson arranged last year and in Europe the war has the best of it. There is even champion Freddie Welsh here, while he may have remained there for a while longer had it not been for the war. Others are Colin Bell and Sam McVey who no doubt feared the war; Joe Jeannette, the clever Hoboken, N. J., heavyweight accused of queering boxing game in New York City. Many blame it on money-hungry promoters who would match unexperienced men with top notchers because they could figure on one boxer as the attraction and pay small prices for a larger. This happened some time ago in one of the local clubs. They matched Jeannette and some well boasted foreigner and after being so badly battered he was knocked out by Jeannette and after this the commissioners began planning to stop mixed bouts. They finally agreed and their plans went through easily. With Coffroth and McCaven idle and with the great success of Charlie White in his recent ring battles, Chicago may have six-round bouts. May such be the case, it is a certainty that Jas. J. Coffroth or Thomas McCaven will not act until a regular commission is appointed. Mr. Jas. J. Ferribee, who has managed some of the greatest and best mitt men in the roped arena, is now manager of young Geo. Dixon, the clever Chicago featherweight, who now claims the colored feather weight championship of the world and will defend his title against all comers. Dixon is matched for several eastern engagements, after which he expects to go west to fill a few theatrical engagements in order to return here the latter part of January for a busy 1915 campaign. Dixon's big athletic show has been quite an attraction in the east. Address all communications to Jas. J. Ferribee, 525 Lenox Ave., New York City.



FOOTBALL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR WILL ESTABLISH NEW RECORD.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The football attendance receipts this year will establish new high records. The attendance of all the important games this year has been greater than ever before.

The war may have crimped the base ball patronage, but it has had no effect upon the college sport. More than 1,000,000 persons will see the big games in the different parts of the country, and the average price per head will be $1.50, bringing the total outlay up to $1,500,000.

In other years football attendance was made up largely of students or graduates of the universities engaged in the battling. That part of the public which had no alma mater and which got all its learning in the grammar schools or in the schools of business didn't patronize the games to any extent. But this year it is different.

Football has made a strong appeal to all the classes in the past two years. The adoption of the open-style game that permits the spectators to see what is going on and which simplifies the game from the spectator's viewpoint has enabled tens of thousands of persons to grasp the intricacies of football, and these thousands have become enthusiastic rooters.

The receipts of the Harvard-Michigan game were in the neighborhood of $50,000. The Harvard-Princeton game receipts were over $70,000. The Yale-Princeton receipts probably will total $70,000, while the receipts from the Yale-Harvard game, which will be played next Saturday, will reach over $125,000.

The receipts for the three big games would have been larger had the accommodations for spectators been greater. The Yale Bowl will seat 70,000. When it was in the course of construction it was said by some that the stands never could be filled. Yet requests for more than 120,000 seats were made for that game. The requests for seats for the Yale-Princeton game were thousands in excess of the ticket supply.

Attempts are now being made to steal from the so-called "smaller" colleges the glory that is theirs through beating or tying the big elevens, by charging that those small colleges hire professional football players to bolster up their ranks.

The chances are 10 to 1 that there is absolutely no truth in the charges—that the charges are false and that they can not be backed up. As is usual with charges of this kind, no real names are mentioned in the article. The indictment is a blanket one.

Whenever a "small" eleven that has a student enrollment about one-fifth or one-tenth that of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Michigan, Chicago or the other big colleges, ambles along and knocks the wadding out of the big college, such charges usually follow the "old grads" and the students of the big colleges can't see how it is possible for a small college eleven to wallop a big college eleven unless there is some crooked work behind it. So they charge that the small colleges used "ringers." They assert blatantly that "no small college team could beat us otherwise."

In the olden days the chances of a small eleven beating a big eleven were remote, because old style football ruled and beef and muscle triumphed 99 times out of 100. But in these modern days when the open game is in force, when speed and brains ar egreater assets than beef, there always is a great degree of uncertainty as to just how a football game will end.

It is charged that one of the small elevens that gave a big eleven a beautiful beating used a professional in one of the guard positions. Taking it from the statements made one is led to believe that this "professional" guard was solely responsible for the victory of the small eleven. Every one is left to assume that as soon as the game began the simon-pure amateurs on the small team quit work and let the professional on the job, the said professional playing all the positions by his lonesome.

The small colleges, we are informed through the medium of the article, hire professional football players at an average wage of $25 or $30 a month and board. This statement is laughable. If a youth is husky enough to play guard on a college eleven he certainly is husky enough to tackle some other sort of job. And any old kind of a job would pay him more than $30 per month, that's a cinch. Furthermore, mighty few jobs that he would tackle would involve the same risks to life and limb as football does.

If the charges had declared that the alleged "ringers" get $500 a month there might have been some who would have given the matter consideration. But $30 sounds like bunk.

WOLGAST EARNED BIG MONEY IN RING DESPITE HIS BAD LUCK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Ad Wolgast, who strove so valiantly to regain his title from Freddie Welsh a week ago Monday ,has earned more money in the ring than any lightweight in the history of the game. Adolph, who for several years struggled along under the appellation of the "cheese champion" (inflicted upon him by Battling Nelson), has poured a mite over $300,000 into his coffers since he adopted boxing as a profession seven years ago.

Of this vast sum Promoter Tom McCarey chipped in over $90,000 in the form of purses. The other coast promoter, Jim Coffroth, contributed somewhat over $80,000 in purses.

The largest lump sum Wolgast ever received for one battle was $47,000 for his fight with Jose Rivers at Vernon, Cal., on July 4 two years ago. Rivers was knocked out in 13 rounds. Wolgast received $20,097 as his end of the receipts and $27,000 for his moving picture rights. The receipts totaled $43,000.

Wolgast has engaged in no less than 11 fights in which the receipts aggregated over $25,000. Little Ad has never suffered the ignominy of a knockout and has been floored but twice in his ring career—once when he won the title from Nelson and the other time when he lost the premier honors to Ritchie.

Adolphus has the betting fever in most aggravated form. He never fails to back himself heavily for a fight, as he says that is the inspiration he needs to battle in his best form. In his championship battle with Nelson, Wolgast backed himself to the extent of $5,400, which he won, and he lost $7,000 in wagers when he passed over the title to Ritchie.

And all this despite the fact that Wolgast's hands are brittle. The diminutive Michigander is the unluckiest first-rank fighter in the game and he has lost close to $100,000 through injuries sustained just prior to big battles. Wolgast is now in moving pictures.

Other pugilists who have seen their best days in the ring are turning to another field of endeavor to gather in the shekels. The motion picture game has countless former ring men in its midst, but as yet not one has ascended to stardom. Generally they are to be found in the mob scene at $2.50 per diem.

Sailor Burke tried his hand at posing for the "movies" several weeks ago and quit in a huff after one day's work. He toted a spear around for a performance and upon being presented with a regulation $2.50, quit on the spot. The Sailor considered his efforts more valuable and thus a star was lost to the moving picture world.

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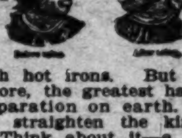

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NEWS OF CHURCHES, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Special to The Freeman:

GREENVILLE, Tex.—All of the churches were well attended Sunday. .. Mrs. Ivy King is reported very sick. .. Mrs. Maggie Rutherford, of Dallas, has moved to this city to live with her father, Mr. Will Rutherford. .. The wedding bells chimed in North Greenville Saturday night, November 21, when Mr. J. Elmore and Mrs. Mariah Hisbon were united in marriage at the home of the bride on North Clark street, in the presence of intimate friends and relatives. Mr. Elmore is to be congratulated upon winning the hand and heart of such a noble woman, and we wish for them happiness and prosperity. .. Mrs. Johnnie Johnson and Miss Clyde Benning were quietly married Saturday night, November 21st. Mr. Johnson is a very sturdy young man with sterling qualities and is a worthy employe of the M. K. & T. railway, and Miss Benning is a very sweet and charming young lady, who hails from Sulphur Springs. We welcome her to the city, church and society. They have the best wishes of their many friends. .. Mr. Isham Brown and Mrs. Minnie Rhoades were married November 15th at the home of the bride's mother on North Wright street, and have the congratulations of their many friends for a long and happy union. .. Mrs. Cathern Owens returned from a week's stay with her sick niece in Gainesville, Tex. .. Mr. Wade Andrews, of Troupe, Tex., has joined his wife in this city, who will teach school in Home Oak this season. .. Mrs. Arthur Williams has returned from several months' stay in Waco. The entire city was shocked beyond measure Monday night, November 23, when the sad news reached the city of the sudden death of Mr. A. P. Thomas, which occurred at Campbell, Tex. Mr. Thomas has for a number of years been connected with the business interests of the city. He conducted a fish market very successfully for about ten years and for the last few years he has been writing insurance, and at the time of his death he was making his business rounds. Mr. Thomas was a consistent Christian and a member of New Hope Baptist church and will be missed by his many friends and relatives. He leaves a brother and two sisters to mourn his untimely death, who have the sympathy of their many friends. Funeral services were held at New Hope Baptist church, Rev. Felix Jones officiating. Funeral directed by the A. D. Key undertaking establishment. .. Miss Jennie Ratten spent Sunday with home folks from her school in Lamar county. She returned Monday. .. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howell are here from Oklahoma visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. B. Howell. .. Mr. James Augustus died at his home Monday evening, November 23, after a long illness. He wa sa good man and had many friends. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge. He leaves a wife and other relatives that could not be located. Was buried Tuesday evening under the ceremony of the Odd Fellows lodge. The bereaved have the sympathy of many friends in this sad hour. .. The Silver Leaf Club met at the home of Miss Myrtle Oliver Wednesday evening, November 18th, with a good attendance. The roll was called and each member responded with quotations. It was voted to take up Bible discussions at the next meeting, after which the guests were served dainty refreshments. The club adjourned to meet with Miss Daisy Mae Strickland, Wednesday evening, November 25th. .. Miss Iona Catchings reopened her school at Wolf Creek Monday morning, November 23, after attending the teachers institute. .. Mrs. Mary Harris opened her school at Lone Oak Monday morning. .. Miss Winnie Long opened her school at Quinlin Monday morning, November 23. .. Mrs. Nannie Hall, of the Slack community, is reported as being very ill. .. Sick list: Mrs. Lizzie Palmer, Mrs. Mary Warren, Mrs. Burnett. .. Our next serial picture at the Pastime Theatre, "Lucile Love," the girl of mystery, will be shown the first Monday in December. .. Freeman on sale every Saturday at the Pastime Theater. W. D. Pratt, reporter.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

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Items of socials, churches, lodges, clubs and business parties or persons, firms and corporations are given the best attention weekly by our news gatherers in Dallas. The squad is just the kind you like to meet and greet and that they never fail to land, is why you hear the name of the Freeman ringing her and there.

Mrs. Charlie Moore is busy with her school work and reports a large enrollment of pupils.

The rains made it almost impossible to walk on some of the streets in the various districts where our people are the largest property owners and the streets are not to blame. Owners, do your duty. A properly signed petition and some one to present it to the commissioners will be a good starter towards the needs of street improvements in the districts of colored people.

Just a few more days before old Santa Claus will visit the good boys and girls and old folks too if they have the price planked down before he starts.

Mr. Ellis Willis, one of the moguls of the treating trust of Dallas, got a going bee into his head one day last week and went to Houston, where he visited his Bayou City friends. His souvenirs were Dallas hamburgers as long as they lasted. At Ennis and Corsicana he had to replenish his stock with the porter or T. P. & W. This he could not do so he coughed up. He is back with lots of tales to tell. He has one for you.

Mrs. Martha Whittaker, on Royal street, feasted the members and visitors of the G. L. P. S. Club at her residence last Monday afternoon. A most fashionable gathering assembled and a topical time was had.

Mrs. Dean Rowell is home from a several days' stay in the Panther City visiting friends.

The idlers and loafing elements are told to beat it. The sharks are up to the game and change their beats when the law changes their morning, noon and night.

H. W. Scott, the grocer, has just what you wish in his line.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Calhoun are now residing at 1905 Hall street.

We note a marked improvement in the horses and wagons of Mrs. S. O. Jackson, J. R. Perkins, the Shaw Co., the Big Four Co., Waggoner & Co., movers of furniture. The little expressman can do this same kind of improvement if he will only make the sacrifice.

It is pay time for the last time in this year so have it ready when the collector calls as he needs it badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Kennady of Rockdale, Texas, are in the metropolis and contemplate making it their future home.

Rev. W. L. Dixon is being much talked of these days for his master piece sermons on Industrial Uplift.

Performers will do themselves a bit of beneficial saving by addressing their open time in to Mr. Ed Lee, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. E. D. Dane, of Neoasha, Kan., and Mrs. R. L. Adams, of Omaha, Neb., are here visiting their mother, Mrs. Francis Tolliver, 2914 Trinidad street.

Mr. Roy Ruff has quit the bunch and got married to Mrs. Della Burks of Willow street.

Mr. Henry James is slowing up on his hard running and is soon to wed one of the fair damsels of the metropolis.

The new uniforms for the First Regiment K. of P. band recently ordered, have arrived and will be worn by the members at their banquet Wednesday night, December 9, 1914, at the Majestic Club hall. Invitations are being sent out by the members and the invitation committee. Let the members and Court of Calantha of the Knights of Pythias do their full duty here in giving these musicians their financial aid and come out to their banquet. You are welcome.

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The Boran and Stewart crew of teamsters and carmen, all admire the Freeman and read it each week.

Mrs. L. E. Cunningham, of Caldwell, Kansas, is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hensley, 708 Horton street and is being shown every courtesy that goes to make her two weeks' stay a pleasure.

Miss Ada Mead, of San Marcus, Texas, reports a jolly time while here spending two months visiting in the metropolis.

Dr. T. P. Mayes, of the Mayes Medicine Co., is spending awhile on business in Muskogee, Okla., in the interest of the company and visiting his better half.

Mrs. B. E. Hendricks, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks with pneumonia, is slowly on the recovery.

The improvement on the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Gregory on Gilliott street, looks very progressive.

Several auto parties from the city attended the wedding of Mr. M. C. Tabb and Miss Coombs, at Grand Prairie Tuesday night and showered them with congratulations, presents and rice and wished them abundant success.

Mr. Willie Grice, of Waco, spent a few days here visiting relatives and friends. He looks very much like a married man since he calls Waco his home. So says his uncle, Mr. Nelson Jones.

The following persons want the Freeman in their homes: Frank Bledsoe, Dr. W. H. Anderson, Mr. Ed Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Johnson, Mrs. I. H. Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Jones, Miss Mary Howard and Mrs. Willie Mai Evans.

Dr. A. E. Ponchee, a graduate of the Illinois University, of Chicago, is here spending two weeks visiting old lifelong friends, Mr. Chas. Christopher and wife at 2800 Hallville street.

Mr. A. R. Flagg, of Hutchins, spent awhile here on business and returned home Sunday.

The crew of workers at the new Live Oak cafe all read the Freeman and praise it at all times.

Dallas is getting to be the performers' winter headquarters.

All the picture houses on the Central avenue stroll are doing a big business on Sunday.

Henry Smith and the York bunch keep fat and cheery out of the south pole and those big porterhouses they carry. Mother Grace is one of the shining lights with her shiners but has been indisposed for a few days.

The new pressing shop on Elm street is where you will be treated right in work.

Mr. Gasper spent Sunday with his family at Corsician and reported for duty with Mr. Bishop Johnson Monday.

Mr. Columbus Johnson is nursing a mashed right toe.

Mr. Frank Mullin is at home from a few days' handshaking with friends at Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. C. Griffin and Master J. G. Griffin, Jr., are up after several days' illness.

LIMA, OHIO.

Miss Cheney, of Coatsville, is the guest of Miss Marie Sims.

Mrs. Bozzell received the sad news of the death of her father in Zanesville, Ohio.

Miss Lettie King is going to Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. William Harrison has opened a game and fish market. We wish him success.

Rev. Lowery of Cleveland, Ohio, preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday.

Prof. E. W. B. Curry and Captain F. L. Reynolds, of Urbana, Ohio, attended the corn boys reception at Memorial hall Friday night in the interest of our own boys and girls. The professor and the captain look forward to the time when there will be some inducement extended which will encourage scientific farming and specially corn raising among the colored youths of Ohio. While in the city they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moxley.

THE WRITINGS OF SIDNEY C. TOPP, OF THE BIBLICAL SOCIETY.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The second anniversary of the writings of Sidney C. Tapp on the Bible will be given at the Fraternal Hall, 1109 Grand avenue, Sunday, December 6th, at 8 p. m. The program for the occasion is well thought out. Among those who will take part are Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter, Gus. T. Wasson, attorney, and L. A. Knox, attorney, three well known colored citizens.

ALEXANDRIA, LA.

The faculty and students of Lampton College rendered an excellent program on Thanksgiving evening. The faculty and students of Central Louisiana Academy rendered a fine program on last Friday, November 27. The night students took an active part. C. L. A. is the only school in the city that is having night school. It is under the management of Principal H. T. Wise.

ST. PETERSBURG FLA., NEWS.

(By Miles S. Washington.)

The new skating rink has opened up and the young set are enjoying themselves very much. .. The B. Y. P. U. choir practice every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. All the young boys are invited to join. .. Samuel Harper, captain of the Western Cadet Co., No. 18, requests all of the members to be present at every drill night, as we are preparing the company for the trip to Tallahassee next May. .. Subscribe for The Freeman and pay the boy up promptly, as he can not let you have the paper the next time. The paper is for sale at Budd's drug store, also at 811 Second avenue.

BOZEMAN, MONT.

Special to The Freeman.

News reached here through Mr. Albert Marshall, that Mr. Serlus Grove fought a draw at Helena, Mont. on the 26th, with Mr. Frankie Hays of Butte, Mont., before the H. A. C.

Mr. Serlus Groves, through his manager, challenges any 133 pounder. Write Mr. A. Marshall, Elks' Home, Bozeman, Mont.

Mrs. Mat H. Walker is convalescent.

Mrs. James Simms, owing to ill health, left for a visit with her.

Mr. Eli Rogers is convalescent.

MOUND CITY, ILL.

The Pulaski County Teachers' Association met the 27th and 28th. A high class of addresses were delivered by Dr. L. C. Lord, president of East Illinois State Normal University, Charleston, Ill.; Miss Fadra R. Homes, critic teacher in Southern Illinois State Normal University and by A. L. Whittenberg, of the State Department of Public Instruction, Springfield. All those present expressed themselves as having been much benefited by this meeting. This association is one of the best conducted teachers' gatherings in the State, being composed of all the colored and the white teachers. Amity and comity have prevailed here for twenty-five years. The position of secretary has been conceded to some teacher of the Lovejoy school ever since its beginning, which position is held at present by Miss Corressia McCray. Of all programs and committees we are given an equal showing and no attempt is made to "Jim Crow" or segregate us but we meet and do business without the least friction yet socially we do not mix in our functions. The good feeling that exists between the citizens of this county is something to be admired.

J. G. Steele, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades in our public school, who has been coroner of this county for more than twenty years, was called to Mounds on the night of Thanksgiving to hold an inquest.

Rev. Smith, of the First Free Baptist church, has been conducting a revival meeting for several weeks.

A reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rice, Friday evening at their residence in honor of Miss M. B. Kenedy of St. Louis, which was enjoyed by a few friends from Chicago, Cairo, Metropolis, Mounds, Mound City. Music was furnished by Mr. A. Clemons and E. J. Bolen.

TALKATIVE BOXERS WIN IN THE RING

Many Instances in History Where "Kidding" Paved Way for Landing the Knockout Punch.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 10.—The practice of boxers "kidding" or taunting each other in the ring is as old as the history of boxing itself, and the art of cutting conversation has many times been employed to influence the result of a battle by principals who were not inclined to admit the truth of the adage which states that "Silence is golden."

It will be remembered that Jim Corbett, when acting as second for Jeffries in the lamentable Reno burlesque made free use of all the powers of sarcasm he possessed in an attempt to get Jack Johnson rattled. Jim was a pretty good hand at that sort of thing in the days when he was an active factor in ring engagements, and more than once talked an opponent into a state of fury, with the result that the furious one lost control of himself and left openings which Corbett was quick to take advantage of.

At Reno, however, the gag didn't work. The negro merely grinned in response to Corbett's taunts, and occasionally fired back a timely answer over Jeffries' shoulder. It was Corbett's "goat" that suffered capture instead of the intended victim's, and Jim was in a peach of a temper by the time hostilities were finished.

When Charley Mitchell and Jim Corbett met for the heavyweight title at Jacksonville, Fla., the former was in anything but good shape and knew well that his chances of victory were slim to the point of elimination. Mitchell figured that if he could only make Corbett fight wild in the opening round there was a chance of nailing Jim on the jaw and closing things up in a hurry.

Consequently, when the principals and seconds stepped to the center of the arena for instructions by the referee, Charley bent over to Corbett and hissed a rapid string of insults into the American's ear. What he said would not bear publication, for Mitchell was a master of billingsgate and general obscenity when he chose to turn himself in that direction. His remarks on Corbett's probable ancestry and habits were barbed with venom and Jim turned deathly white with rage.

Mitchell was knocked out in the third round and when the accounts of the battle were published every one was surprised to note that the clever, cautious Corbett had for once thrown science to the winds and slugged like a madman. This was exactly what Mitchell wanted him to do, and the Englishman actually succeeded in gaining first blood with a straight, stinging drive to Corbett's face that brought the claret pumping freely from Jim's nostrils. But that was as far as Charles got with his well-laid scheme. He had managed to make Corbett fighting mad—never before or after did the latter ever swing as wildly as when he was making honest endeavors to separate Charley's headpiece from his shoulders—but the American was too big, strong and fast for his opponent, and crushed him by sheer force.

The only defeat suffered by Terry McGovern prior to the fateful day when he met his waterloo at the hands of Young Corbett was caused by loss of temper due to remarks made by his opponent. The latter was Tim Callahan, one of the cleverest featherweights ever developed in this city. Billy Roche, the veteran referee and trainer, was seconding Callahan. The bout took place in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 23, 1896.

The lads were boxing under "clean break" rules, a style that was not suited to Terry's liking, for as every one knows it was at close quarters and hammering away in the clinches that the Brooklyn terror shone. Still Terry was doing very well and Roche early realized that unless something unexpected happened Callahan would surely pull down the short end of the money. At the close of the tenth round Callahan staggered to his corner in bad shape. Roche whispered something in his ear. Callahan nodded assent and sprang briskly up at the sound of the gong.

As he squared off McGovern rushed as usual and Tim went to the clinch in a hurry. "Break!" yelled the referee, but Callahan held on, and muttered to McGovern in bitter accents:

"You got the gall to call yourself a true Irishman, you dockrat. Every one knows you're an A. P. A."

This insult set Terry's Celtic blood aflame. He gripped Callahan around the neck with his left arm and laced him in the stomach with the right. It was a clear foul and the referee at once stopped the proceedings and declared Callahan the winner.

Kid McCoy had a nasty way of sneering at and saying sarcastic things to an opponent, and nearly drove Peter Maher wild with his jeers and insults when he knocked the big Celt out at Coney Island, Jan. 1, 1900. Tommy Ryan had little to say when in action, excepting when he was opposed to Mysterious Billy Smith. There was no love lost between these two; perhaps it is not too much to say that they hated each other worse than any pair of gloved gents who ever adorned the roped arena. They met several times in the ring, and on each occasion a swearing duel ensued that turned the atmosphere blue.

During one of his battles with Joe Walcott, Smith so worked upon the feelings of the Negro with terse, scathing comments that the Barbadoes darkey went fairly up in the air. Tom O'Rourke, who was seconding Joe, tried vainly to quiet him, but Walcott boxed so wildly that Smith outpointed him two to one, and got the decision.

Just before Young Corbett struck the downgrade he was matched with Jack O'Neill, in this city. O'Neill was a tough fellow and as Corbett was hot-fat the pace began to tell upon him. Early in the fifth round, while the men were sparring for an opening, Corbett suddenly glanced over at O'Neill's corner.

"What are those fellows climbing into the ring for, Jack?" he queried in a surprised tone. "They haven't any business there."

The unsuspecting O'Neill turned his head to look, and immediately Corbett's deadly right flashed over to his jaw, sending the local lightweight man down and out.

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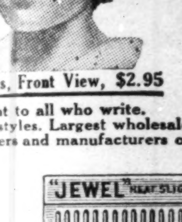

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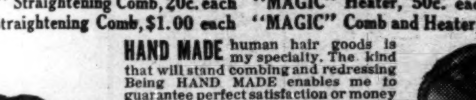

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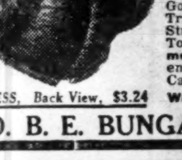

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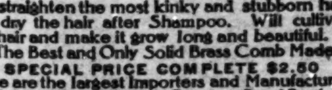

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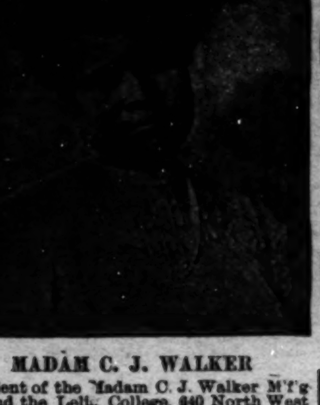

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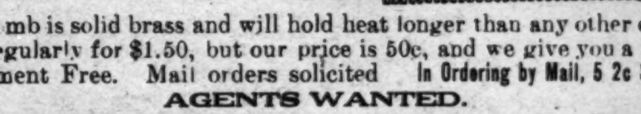

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Hung for burning a barn; hung for chewing slippery elm next.

We insist that our correspondents do as little nagging as possible and no slandering and misrepresentation at all. They will see plainly enough that they are leading us a dog's life in explaining how it happened, or what it was. True enough, no libel suit has yet come. But we all know about that boy yelling "Wolf" once on a time. He might come, sure enough, some day.

T. G. Stewart, of Wilberforce, O., is in for a buy-a-book movement. He says: "My plan is to have every colored family, and every colored single man and woman, buy at least one book from a colored author for the year 1915." We think it a splendid suggestion. It is in the interest of publisher, readers and the race as a whole. Really, until there is a certain sign of "voluntary" appreciation for what the race does, the progressive movement lacks an essential element.

The good old Freeman will come to you as usual this year freighted down with good things—good reports of the year's doings. It will be better, a most natural thing, since the race is better in most ways. We will treat the progress of the race, a national biograph, and at the same time a guide to future endeavor. "Lives of great men all remind us." We will give glimpses of the lives of our successful individuals along all lines. Send in now for copies for your community.

Some time ago there was agitation in the state of South Carolina owing to the fact that there were white teachers in Negro schools. A bill was introduced in the legislature having for its object the retiring of the teachers thus employed. The objection to the status was so unreasonable and so unusual that both the white and colored people of the state most bitterly fought the measure. It, however, made the lower house but failed in the senate. So the school relations of teachers in that state are still as they have been and not changed as some have thought.

We are much surprised to know that S. H. Dudley, the well known comedian, thinks he has seen the necessity of joining with J. Leubrie Hill in The Darktown Follies. We, of course, congratulate Mr. Hill in having such a valuable aid for his company. It is just what's the matter. Mr. Dudley is too valuable not to stand out as a distinct theatrical quantity. He is the foremost comedian of the race. His name is a charm where there are theatre-going people. In our opinion he should have gathered about him ten or twelve of the best people he could have found and traveled over the country giving, in a manner, an exposition of the best in his line.

THE TYLER-THOMPSON MISUNDERSTANDING.

Ralph W. Tyler, formerly auditor for the navy, has written to this office, complaining that our Washington correspondent, R. W. Thompson, has said some slanderous things concerning him. Mr. Tyler wishes us to do the amende honorable by declaring that the "intrusion" of the references complained of was an oversight on our part. He wishes us to say that "the Freeman desires it understood that it will not be a party to unwarranted misrepresentation or slander of men and women of our race." Correct enough. We do not desire it understood that we will willfully malign, traduce, slander, or misrepresent any man or be a party thereto, regardless of race.

We cannot see that any misrepresentation or slander is warranted. However, that's merely a figment. We are opposed to either kind of misrepresentation. We have searched Mr. Thompson's writings on Mr. Tyler, but we find nothing that would justify a law suit, the thing we are threatened with. Mr. Thompson said in a recent note:

"Former Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, if correctly reported, is to re-enter the barber business at his old home, Columbus, Ohio. He is probably correct in his decison that there's more money in barbering than in the newspaper business, after having tried both."

Mr. Tyler wishes us to say that "we have it direct that there was not one iota of truth in any of the statements our Washington correspondent made respecting Mr. Tyler, a man who has always evinced the kindliest and most helpful interest in The Freeman." We have the information direct from Mr. Tyler, and we set it forth in the same spirit of publicity as when the other view from Mr. Thompson was published.

The fact of it is that both our correspondent and Mr. Tyler have been fighting most viciously. They are both newspaper men and we very much suspect that way down at the bottom there has been a bit of rivalry. Tyler was with a white publication of Columbus for years. Thompson came up among his own kind. Both are clever, but our correspondent has eclipsed everything on the "turf" in that capacity—thereby hangs a tale, maybe. Tyler, it appears to us, does not wish to concede Thompson's ability owing to their respective origins. But by your works ye are known. And then again a social function in Washington where Tyler ruled caused some unpleasantness. Both men broke out in print. Thompson was at home there; he proved long winded and Tyler went down for the count—hence these tears.

Here's a sample of Thompson's recent shot and which goes in like one from a Bertha Krupp:

Following the departure of the "high-browed" former Auditor of the Navy Department, the dead line of social recognition has been considerably lowered from the 1,800-per-year salary notch, and the community seems to be getting along all right on the "do-the-best-you-can-on-any-kind-of-a" salary basis. A man is worth what his character and ability call for, no matter whether he is lucky enough to reach a high government office or not. In many instances the appointee to high office in Washington is a political accident, and social standing can not be justly based on the salary the temporary position affords.

Perhaps this little fling was no less aggravating than the other. It is a slight reminder of the fact that there was some kind of a hitch in society affairs where the two gentlemen figured. We do not encourage our correspondents even to go so far as that. But in their defense, Mr. Thompson's particularly, we insist that we see nothing more than taunts and nagging. We take it that he will not pursue the thing further since Mr. Tyler has thrown up his hands. We say this, not because we wish to lay on Mr. Tyler, but because both men were fighting, the advantage being with Tyler as long as he was an auditor of the Treasury Department.

"HECKLING THE PRESIDENT PAYS."

(From the New York Evening Post, Ind't.)

"Judging by the results of Mr. Trotter's visit to the White House to protest against segregation, it would almost seem as if it paid to be rude to the President of the United States.

Had Mr. Trotter not "riled" the President, and been forbidden the White House, his entire visit and the question of segregation would not have figured in the newspapers save to the extent of perhaps three or four lines, if at all. But as it is, the cause of the Colored Federal Employees has received a kind of publicity that could not have been bought for money.

Editorials without number have presented the Southern and Northern side. Besides the editorials, hundreds of columns of news-matter have appeared, and cartoons of all sorts and kinds. More than that, the Republican politicians have taken note of it all, so that it may again be aired in Congress.

Except in the narrowest Southern circles, the concensus of opinion seems to be that the President blundered gravely both in losing his temper and in taking up a position which lays him open to the charge of being prejudiced against ten million Americans and unfaithful to his teachings in the "New Freedom."

We would not, of course seem to condone Mr. Trotter's rudeness. The fact that the sensational regularly gets into the newspapers when quiet causes are so constantly overlooked, is responsible for the phenomenon that Mr. Trotter has advanced his cause by forgetting the respect due to the occupant of the White House."

We reproduce the above cheerfully, owing to the fine exposition of the Trotter incident with President Wilson. We have insisted that the Negro editor was right in what he asked for. We, however, were inclined to the view that he was rather brusque in the presentation.

There are a few persons who take exceptions to our position, thinking that we should see the proper thing in all Mr. Trotter did. We said that the way he conducted himself was not important to the question. We are not to lose our rights even if the two men had fought. Beyond this, to personally contend with the President is too much concession to the office. The whips and spurs come from the people who sit Presidents in office to carry out their will. It would be a fearful thing to think that any one man had the control of our fates. The Supreme Court is the court of the last resort and not any one man of our republic. True enough one man may use his office to impede, but he has no such right under the Constitution. The judicial department of the country is the place to get justice, failing here none is to come through the peaceful endeavors of the people.

Mr. Trotter's rudeness, if rude, was merely an incident. We lose the point when discussing the veracity of the two men. And we are extremely impolitic if we take the word of Mr. Trotter or any other man in preference to that of the President of the United States.

A LYNCHING.

A Negro man and his wife were lynched at Byhalia, Miss., a few days ago because they burned a barn, according to what was alleged. This sounds barbarous enough, and especially to those who do not know the conditions. This kind of advertisement is what has done the race perhaps, its greatest injury. We are pictured as a people, by those who have no means of knowing better, who are in mortal fear of our lives, and without the benefit of judge or jury. Negroes coming to us from abroad have that notion because they hear only of the lynchings. We are put to a sad disadvantage since we do have the lynching business now and then in spite of the preponderance of good things. But what does a mob care about all of this? It can be best personified by a bludgeon studded with burly knots. A senseless thing without the capacity for thought or reason.

It is unfortunate that we are compelled to give publicity to the doings of the mob and at the same time fortunate. The active mob is a transaction of shame, and it is with a feeling of race shame, humiliation, that the conscientious Negro editor, lecturer or publicist in general makes known what it does, knowing that such publicity lessens the race in popular esteem. Races come up high when they are very careful of their rights. This is true even as it concerns the weak nations, numerically weak. The Indians are a good example. They are every where in evidence, in art—song and poetry, and because they registered their resolves high and religiously lived up to them.

We are not in for the melting down and the recasting of our race. And after all, our troubles and humiliation as between the present condition of the two races that of the Negro, we think, is to be preferred. Neither the fate of one or the other should have been, measured by the fair sailing of those seen about us. The Indians hate our spirit of submission. They love us out of their great fund of sympathy, caught up from their vicissitudinal meandering over the meads of life. Their natures are ingrained against mutuality with the white people. They confess a hopelessness of any condition to be brought about by their own activities. If they would live, it must be by the white man's program. This has been sullenly agreed to. We are not in for this fate even if of the utmost fortitude and heroism. Nor is it necessary to invite extinction in order to be a people. The role played with the Indians, owing to their nature, perhaps was necessary. Their loss was the world's gain. Was it thus written from the beginning? Answer ye fatalists.

We are the opposites of the Indians, too opposite, some will say; but everything has worked out for the best. We have said more than once that if there was an appreciable gain in all direction, steadily, even if slow, that kind of progress is satisfactory. It does not mean that the fight for advance was to cease. The Civil War did not come of itself as opportune as it was. Slavery would have been a misfit for this day of high Christianity, but we would have had it if it had not been for the agitation against it.

The mob is getting to be a back number through the winning process of fighting it in its teeth. While publicity of the humiliating race assaults—mobbings—has made for shame, more has been gained than if tamely submitted to without a murmer of protest, harking back to days when the other cheek was offered. We are made ashamed; but in our shame we will try to burn up the cockles of the heart of those concerned in making spectacles of us. It is not necessary to racialize crime when it is committed. This was done to us. Raping was set down as our attribute and the attempt was made to make the charge stick—the raping of white women. We fought this to the ropes where it hung suspended and lifeless a thing counted out for all time.

Barn burning is a poor cause for lynching, and as are the many other reasons given within the last few years. There is no further preachment of condemnation left in us—the race—against the practice. What has been done and said is in motion and for good. Now when a lynching occurs there arises out of the horrible pit, as it were, a flaming cross, the announcement of a new crucifixion and the sign of our unified voice of protest.

THE OKLAHOMA "JIM CROW" LAW SUSTAINED.

The Negroes of the country have been anxiously waiting to learn what the Supreme Court would say on the question before it wherein were involved the standing of the races before the "Jim Crow" laws of the state of Oklahoma. A case has been before that court for some time, reaching settlement, if it may be called settled, this week, the Negroes being nonsuited, that court sustaining the lower court of Oklahoma.

As we see it, the race has both won and lost. The court, the majority, joined in the opinion that that part of the Oklahoma "Jim Crow" which permitted railroads to provide sleeping and chair car accommodations only to the white race was unconstitutional, but it did not so decree, because of imperfections in the petition on which the case was presented. The race, it is seen, technically loses. It was in that the major opinion of the court was against the constitutionality of the Oklahoma law on the point of coaches of equal facilities.

A moral victory has been won, even if non-suited in the contention, if credence rests in the declaration of those justices who hold that the proviso permitting railroads to provide sleeping and chair-car accommodations only to the white race, is unconstitutional. How the Negroes may recover does not seem to be a very difficult matter. The court has plainly pointed the way; it has said go and amend your case—that's all.

The case was one in which five negroes sought an injunction to restrain five railroads in Oklahoma from enforcing the law. The Oklahoma Federal Courts held the law constitutional. In the opinion by the majority, Justice Hughes stated that previous decisions that laws for separate coaches for the two races were constitutional were not to be questioned.

This clearly means that the present status, that of separate coaches, is to remain—unquestioned. And it is fair enough under the circumstances, and a thing which has been accepted with fairly good grace. The Supreme Court some time ago felt the necessity to rule extra-judicial, if we may so call it, because it recognized the strong anti-Negro influence in the Southern section, and was governed to some extent accordingly. The Berea school case called forth this explanation from that, our highest court, which was forced to admit that the clutches of prejudice and discrimination were too strong for it.

Those of us who are interested in the country's weal, as we are our own, saw it much as the Supreme Court saw it. Not that it was right, but that it was as right as the times permitted it to be. The thing higher than the Supreme Court is the people. The only question arising, and the only one that can arise is, "Are the people interpreted correctly? If so, and the action is accordingly, there is no further appeal. It will be seen that even Republics have their bad places under certain conditions. Persuasion is the last hope, the conversion of the people against themselves.

Separate coaches for the races is a fact in the South. The Negroes, while admitting the un-American situation, the un-Christly attitude, the unbrotherly relationship, bowed in submission out of respect for the white man's known views on social equality. Out of respect of his views, and which, owing to the previous condition of servitude, we, in spite of our anchorage in the general constitution, have waived, in a manner, our rights in this contention, asking that similar treatment be accorded us and not the white man's association.

Justice Hughes in sustaining the Negroes' contention for equal accommodation said:

"The reasoning is that there may not be enough persons of African descent seeking these accommodations to warrant the outlay in providing them. This argument with respect to the value of the traffic seems to be without merit. It makes the constitutional right depend upon the number of persons who may be discriminated against, whereas the essence of the constitutional right is that it is a personal one.

"It is the individual who is entitled to the equal protection of the laws, and if he is denied by a common carrier, acting in the matter under the authority of the state, facilities or conveniences in the course of his journey under substantially the same conditions as furnished to another traveler, he may properly complain that his substantial privileges have been invaded."

So after all it appears that we have won only a poor moral victory. As we understand it the court will hold, when the case is properly presented, that the Negroes are to have the same comforts, luxuries, as are provided for the white traveling public. This is a poor moral victory. The railroad companies have no right to take first class pay for second-class accommodations. It is but human to give equal consideration although some of us may not be up enough, ethically, to thoroughly appreciate the consideration. What shall be done with those of us who are prepared for the white man's test of civilization? All of this is beside the law; contravenes it; transcends it, and there should issue from the kingdom of white hearts its best arbitrament. To be real plain, the well equipped "Jim Crow" car should be hailed as an opportunity to work around a disagreeable point in the route of general progression.

Says the Washington dispatch, "The five railroads in the case asked the court, when the case decided today was argued, to hold the entire law unconstitutional if the "luxury" proviso was annulled."

The railroad companies are sometimes called soulless corporations, merciless, gripping concerns that play no favorites. This is considered an ugly disposition by many, and to be thought of abstractly, we guess it is all right. However, as it concerns the Negroes the companies are in the right attitude and, paradoxically, through this very "ugly" manifestation. They do not wish to be put to the expense of conducting two services when one could answer just as well. They are asking that the whole business be knocked out, and which demand is the real victory of the occasion even if proposed as a thing of economy.

ROYAL A. C.'s DEFEATED IN GREAT BATTLE.

CINCINNATI, O.—(Special)—In one of the hardest fought games ever seen in the Frederick Douglass school gym, the Royal A. C.'s, of Indianapolis, were defeated by the Douglass high's of this city, by the score of 18 to 16. The gym was crowded by the most fashionably dresesd and best class of people of the city, and they were free with their applause for the great struggle. The game had been under way but a few seconds when Captain Hazzard, of Royals, tossed a beautiful field goal, and then a moment later duplicated the feat, giving his team the lead, which they kept the remainder of the period.

With the score 4-0 in favor of the R. A. C.'s, Woodson of the D. H.'s, tossed a long goal and then Willis made a foul goal, making the score 5-2. The score then seesawed for the rest of the period, the score at the end of the half, Royals 11, Douglass 8. At the beginning of the second half both teams began playing careful and the score was light. However, with one minute to play and the score 15-14 Royals, Woodson brought the crowd to its feet by putting the Cincinnati bunch in the lead with a field goal. The sudden loss of the lead seemed to daze the Royals and before they could wake up Woodson duplicated his feat, making the score 18-15 Douglass. The Royals then realizing what had happened, played like demons, but before they could even the score time was called. For Hazzard's team Bryant and McGuire played great games at guard, while Woodson at center for the home boys was easily the star of the game. Lineup and score:

R. A. C.'s.		Douglass.
Willis	F	Mason
Hazzard, Capt.	F	Hill, Capt.
Butler	C	Woodson
McGuire	G	Gant
Bryant	G	Tipple

Field goals—Woodson, 6; Hazzard, 4; Willis, 3; Mason, 1; Butler, 1; Hill, 1.

CAIRO, ILL.

Services were held at the First Missionary Baptist church as usual. Rev. Foster preached a powerful sermon at 11 a. m., text Acts 27:27. At 8 p. m. P. J. H. Starter, D.D., preached a real interesting sermon, subject, "Get Money." The doors of the church were opened for the reception of member. Two joined, one at 11 a. m. and one at night services. The clubs reported: Sewing Circle, $16.45, Mrs. Emma Farrow; Golden Leaf, $13.50, Mrs. Fannie B. Jones, president; Booster, $4.25, Mrs. Bethena Turpin, president; the Thanksgiving Committee, $18.45; Mrs. Tinnie Watson, chairman; the Penny Saving Club, $5.50, Mr. Dennis Farrow, president. The choir rendered some choice selections. Mrs. J. H. Starks, pianist. The choir will meet at the residence of Miss Coralee Johnson, Monday night, Nov. 30. The Golden Leaf will meet in the basement of the church Monday night, Nov. 30. The Sewing Circle were royally entertained by Mr. Nathaniel Lee in the basement of the church on Thanksgiving night.

Buy The Freeman from our hustling agent, Master James Watson.

Mrs. Corneius Head, of 2100 Poplar street, is much better.

Mrs. Sarah Steele, of 330 23d street, visited her son, Rev. E. W. Chavers at Mount Vernon, Ill.

Mesdames Catherine Brown and Rosa Mack are somewhat improved.

Stonace Moore, of Klondike, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Mathews, Saturday.

Mr. Rosalie and Master W. T. Jones spent Thanksgiving in Klondike.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Webb's horse and buggy were stolen last week. The thief was not successful in getting far, as it was soon found and returned to the owner.

NEWS OF LAKE FOREST, ILL.

The Building Committee had their Thanksgiving dinner at the First Baptist church. It was a grand success financially.

The Glencoe Literary has challenged the Lake Forest Literary for a debate. The subject for discussion is: Resolved, That Nation wide prohibition be adopted by an amendment to the federal constitution.

There was an Old Folks' Concert given at the First Baptist church Monday evening, Nov. 30. Those that took a part were: Mrs. C. Gray, Mr. Geo. Beauchamp, Mrs. Lucy Jefferson. It was attended by out of town people.

Rev. Hudson, of Evanston, but formerly of this city, preached a soul stirring sermon Sunday morning, Nov. 29th, at the First Baptist church.

Rev. McDaniels, of Chicago, and president of the Enterprise school, was in our midst Sunday evening, and occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church. He preached to a large and appreciative audience.

The writer spent Thanksgiving in the city. He was royally entertained by friends and relatives.

Messrs. Giles Red and Russell attended the Thanksgiving ball in Waukegan.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., NEWS.

(By Nellie Early, 565 Sharp St.)

Mr. Walter Blue, the accomplished cook at Carlinville, Ill., was married Thanksgiving afternon to Mrs. Blanche Kirk, of Carrolton, Ill., at Carlinville, Ill. They will make their home in Carlinville, Ill.

Mrs. L. L. Kinniebrew, the hostess, entertained about twelve friends at her home November 26. Plates were laid for twelve. The dining room was tastily decorated in white and green. Mr. Frank Mallory, toastmaster. A three course lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart are residing on Goltra avenue.

Word was received here recently of the death of John Yate's uncle, at Louisiana, Mo. His name was Mr. Henry Ross. He dropped dead.

Miss N. Johnson, of West Morton avenue, does not seem to improve much, also Mr. J. Mounts, of East College avenue.

The election of the officers of the Social Domestic Science Club took place November 20, at the meeting at the residence of Mrs. Charles Jackson. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. N. J. Blue; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Triplett; treasurer, Mrs. S. Rhodes. Those who assisted in entertaining were Mesdames Lucy Bolden, J. Brown and N. J. Blue.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., NEWS.

(By Henry Stone.)

The Rev. W. H. Pope, the evangelist minister of Louisville, Ky., closed his revivalist services at Merrill M. E. Chapel Monday night with seven assention. His subject Sunday night was as follows: "Some reason why God permitted the Titanic to sink," and Monday night was: "There were a wreck and a man got off in hell." His services were well attended. He spoke to a large audience each night. His wife, Mrs. Mattie Pope, accompanies him on his tour. They left Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock for Connersville, Ind., where he will conduct another ten days' meeting.

Mrs. Sarah Wesley, of Indianapolis, Ind., is spending a few days here in the city with her brother, Mr. Albert Waters of North Terre Haute. Mr. Waters is in the restaurant business and runs a nice clean business in North Terre Haute, which is inviting to every one.

Miss Silvia Anderson, of 519 South 14th street, the daughter of Mr. F. M. Anderson, has been very ill, but is slightly improved.

The agent of The Freeman requests that all who are in arrears will please be prepared when he calls again.

SOCIETY AND GENERAL NEWS OF DANVILLE, ILL.

Mrs. Lucie White Wallow, of St. Louis, Mo., stopped over in the city a few hours Tuesday, enroute to Crawfordsville, Ind., where she will visit her mother a few days, then go to Indianapolis, Ind. While here she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Blanche Moore, and her brothers, Gus and Arthur White.

Rev. R. C. Williams, of Indianapolis, was a visitor in the city this week.

The Ministers' Alliance met Tuesday evening at the St. Paul Baptist church. A very interesting meeting was held.

Rev. De Witt, of Jacksonville, Ill., moderator of the Woodriver Baptist Association, preached two able sermons Sunday at the Second Baptist church.

The Plaza Whist Club was entertained Friday evening at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Smith. A dainty repast was served by the hostess. Mrs. Smith's brother, Mr. Hicks, of the Hawaiian Islands, was the guest of honor.

Mrs. Catherine Washington, who returned from St. Louis, Mo., last week, is visiting in Indianapolis.

Mr. Barney Jackson, president of the Young Men's Lecture Bureau, performed quite a heroic deed Sunday when he pulled Mr. Carroll Williams from between the wheels of a moving train. Mr. Williams was seriously injured when his automobile was caught between two freight trains. The car was ground to pieces. The Vermillion street crossing of the Big Four R. R. being blocked by a west bound freight, the men sought to cross the tracks one block west. Not seeing the east bound train coming they were caught by the engine and the other train. Mr. Carl Palmer, who was in the car with Mr. Williams, jumped and was only slightly injured.

Mr. Hildred Bell, treasurer of the Young Men's Lecture Bureau, is erecting a store room at 436 East Williams street. The building is 20x30 with brick foundation and will have five rooms for tenant purposes. The cost of the building is $1,500.

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EARLINGTON, KY., NOTES.

Among our many visitors of last week were Misses Jessie Taylor and Lorena Tisdal, of Russellville, Ky., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Terry Riley. They are very popular at their homes and their popularity seems to spread even to Earlington.

Miss Lillie Bell Whittaker, of Glendale, Tenn., stopped over to see her sister, Mrs. Pearlie Childress. She was enroute to Chicago.

The members of the Oak and Ivy Club are seeing that the above visitors do not get lonesome while here. This club has only been organized a few weeks and is being well steered under the presidency of Mr. Lloyd Driver.

Rev. W. T. Hayes, of Martins Ferry, Ohio, was here a few days visiting relatives and friends. He preached an able sermon on Sunday night. His subject was, "Self Consecration." His text was from 12 Chap. Rom. 1 verse. He met many of his old playmates, as he lived here some 25 or 30 years ago, when in his boyhood days.

Mrs. Alice Wilson, of Hopkinsville, was here a few days visiting her mother, Mrs. Hulda Barbee, on Cemetery street.

Mrs. Lillie Berry was at home a few days, but returned back to Hopkinsville, Saturday, 28th, where she has been taking treatment for the last few months. Her health seems to be much improved.

Colored School Situation Tense

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by day and play for the dances at night. New York is paying and appreciative. That is why the leading musicians of the capital are flocking to the nation's metropolis."

This is a true statement of the situation, but it is not as it should be. Will Washington wake up?

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Mr. John A. Lankford, formerly a well known architect in this city, is now located at Jacksonville, Fla., where he is a valued member of the faculty of the Edward Waters College, under the auspices of the A. M. E. church. The famous True Reformers' Hall, which revolutionized the U street section of the capital, was built from plans drawn by Mr. Lankford and he supervised the erection of the structure from top to bottom.

COLORED GIRL KIDNAPPED.

WINCHESTER, Ind., Nov. 27.—The kidnapping of Gladys Steele Croker, a ten-year-old colored girl, from the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Croker, colored, near Losantville, has aroused much interest. The girl was adopted two years ago from an orphan asylum in Lafayette, Tenn., and was soon after brought to this county. She was a pupil in the Losantville school. The girl disappeared about 8 o'clock Wednesday evening when she stepped from the house to draw a bucket of water, and footprints that were later found near the well lead the people to believe she was seized by two men.

THE J. C. ROCKWELL SHOW BAND

The J. C. Rockwell Show Band is playing some of the British national airs with success through Canada.

Cherokee Thornton, Newel Morse and Edith Harrison, principal fun makers and entertainers. Edith Harrison, principal soubrette, with Otis R. Benson, Gladys Brooks, Mary Bevoden, Leontine Washington. Iris Boyd, in a baby or farmer number, takes encores nightly.

The band, headed by Prof. C. B. Milton, cornetist, Herbert Wilder, trombone; Clark Goodley with his $150 tuber; Lawrence Glover, cornetist; Rafeal Abreau, saxaphone; Leonard Creasy, baritone; James Bowden, cornetist; R. Benson, alto; Prof. Joseph Dixon, leader of the orchestra, bass drum; Cherokee Thornton, cimbals; Willie (Tinny) Walker, snare drum and trap drumer in orchestra. H. S. Wooten, that sweet singer, "The Policeman on Parade."

DALLAS, TEXAS.

The Star Theatre.

The Star Theatre is now open under the management of the well known prince of show men, Mr. Ed Lee of Lee's Creole Belles and the public is cordially invited to daily inspect his offerings in clean, classy vaudeville at all times. His offering this week has pleased hundreds of patrons who are loud in their praise for what they have seen. The entire house has been thoroughly overhauled and put in a scrutinizing condition and several hundred dollars have been spent for the public's convenience. Prices have been cut and now in reach of every one. Performers and star actors with first class acts can get good booking here. The public is the judge and the box office tells it all. The Star is the word in Dallas among the patrons. Come and see.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATER, PHILADELPHIA.

Jennie Taylor and her family of two children occupied the headline position this week at Gibson's New Standard Theater, and, in an act that gives each child something to do, there is so much of interest and of entertainment that the prominence given to the family is fully deserved. They sing and dance and exchange witticisms, and each child has her chance to do a bit of something to help mama entertain. The act was greatly to everyone's liking. The bill this week is so excellent in every respect that it is not easy to bestow praise in due proportion. One of the big hits of the show was that made by Sellman & Jackson, who are up-to-date artists. "No Matter How Deep Dark Night," by Yanden Sellman taught the house. He is unsparing in his efforts to please and is a comedian of ability. Vadder & Statton danced, sang and did acrobatic falls and were always in the liveliest humor. Mrs. Fairfax and her son, Stamford, kept the house alive. Her planologues are always delightful and her singing entranced, while her son danced his way into favor. The Nelsons and Goldie, an acrobatic trio, made one hold their breath at times as they went through a number of difficult feats. Glenn & Brogsdale, in vocal and terpsichorean, were excellent. Aida Overton Walker's Porto Rican Girls rounded out the show with a brisk entertainment and a full supply of songs. Mr. Robert Ricketts, the piano player, is certainly making a hit for himself as the star performer of the orchestra. He is not only becoming popular, but is rated as one of the best piano players in the city, which reflects great credit on Manager Gibson, who will only have the best.

IN MEMORIAM.

Miss Rubie Clipper, of this city, has the sympathy of her host of friends, who mourn with her in the death of her sister, Mrs. Della Clipper, of the team of Clipper & Clipper, who have amused thousands of people from time to time on the theatrical stage of the country, who died two weeks ago. Miss Clipper is anxious to hear from Mr. Jesse Clipper, who is reported ill and in the hospital in New York. Please answer through the Freeman.

I wish to thank those who were so kind to attend the wants of my dear sister while she was ill, and for the courtesies shown after her death and at the funeral, for the floral offerings. May heaven's blessings be bestowed upon one and all, is my prayer.

Yours,
MISS RUBIE CLIPPER,
Dallas, Texas.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Billy E. Jones, the singing comedian, while playing in and around New York, is rehearsing his act of four people including the sweet voiced soprano, Miss Ruth M. Foster of New York, who will make her debut in vaudeville, and Mr. Fred Robison, the funny comedian and star, late of Brooks and Robison.

Miss Waple Mascoll, the dainty singer of dainty songs, has in rehearsal the song hit "It's Too Late Now."

At Wood's Cafe, Fifth avenue, the patrons are being entertained with the latest song hits. Due courtesy is shown to all visitors.

The Shelton sisters and other entertainers are pleasing the patrons at Leroy's Cafe, W. 135th street and Fifth avenue.

First-class cabaret shows at the Crescent Cafe, W. 135th street, Mr. Griffen manager.

At the Association billiard parlors, 2285 7th avenue, Jessie A. Shiff, Jr., manager, visitors will always be shown due courtesy.

Winifred and Marten are scoring the biggest hits on the bill playing the Proctor's houses.

The Brooklyn Trio scored a big hit this week at the Grand Opera House, the comedy and singing being above the average and one of the best acts here this season.

Harry Ely, the singing comedian, became the father of a boy last week. Mother and son both well. 334 W. 53d street, New York.

THOMAS & THOMAS.

Singing, talking and dancing comedians, the boys who played the Idle Hour Theatre, Indianapolis, last week and went big from start to finish. Will open on Dudley's time soon. Managers, don't fail to book this act. Something good right off the reel. Permanent address, The Freeman.

Eiler's New Orleans Minstrels closed Saturday, Nov. 28th, at Wichita Falls, Tex.

H. Dudley is now doing the comedy role opposite to J. Leubrie Hill in "The Darktown Follies."

Happy Kimball, late of Eiler's Minstrels, is resting at his home, 301 Fourth street, Columbus, Ga.

After closing three successful weeks at the Dixie Theatre, Anniston, Ala., McDow & McDow have opened at the Champion Theatre, Birmingham, Ala.

Irene Howard and Geo. Day are breaking records in the West. They are reputed to be the cleanest, classiest colored act that ever played the time.

Marshall's Happy Days in Dixieland Company is now in the state of Oklahoma and playing to S. R. O. nightly. Company all well and send regards to all in and out of the profession.

Christmas comes in this month. Performers, had you thought about it? Write in at once about your Christmas work. The better and greater Christmas issue now being prepared.

Famous Alabama Minstrels, C. L. Erickson, Mgr., will close its tenting season at Monroe, La., Dec. 4th. Will open at Monroe, La., about Feb. 10th. Frank Perryman and Jimmie Garret write C. L. Erickson, Warren, Penna.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson are spending the winter in Tulsa, Okla. C. J. Harris, why don't you write? Regards to Miss Annie Holt and Doe Doe Green. Would like to hear from all friends. 114 N. Greenwood avenue, Tulsa, Okla.

R. O. Henderson is at his Chicago address owing to the closing of Eiler's New Orleans Minstrels at Wichita Falls, Tex., Saturday Nov. 28th. His Chicago address is 3826 South LaSalle street. Open for anything good from responsible managers.

Hi Jerry Barnes and Edith Nelson just closed a three weeks' engagement at the Iroquois Theatre, New Orleans, and came into Mobile where Barnes found the California Pickininnies stranded. Now Hi Jerry Barnes and Bosylegs have formed a stock company and the little picks are two of the members.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim E. Owsley entertained Mr. and Mrs. Syd Carter at a luncheon Thanksgiving Day. An enjoyable time was spent. Syd Carter's Sunny South Co. is playing at the Crown, of which Mr. Owsley is proprietor. Syd Carter's Sunny South Company will open up at the Ruby Theatre, Louisville, next week.

Leon, the Magician, has finished his season in South Carolina, and was in Savannah, Ga., Nov. 21 to 23. Now in Jacksonville, Fla., at his home, being highly entertained by Means & Means. Hello Marvelous La Vola, Watts Bros. All friends and managers write Leon R. Long, 621 Estelle street, Jacksonville, Fla. Watch the Xmas number.

WELL-KNOWN PERFORMERS INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

While sight-seeing November 25th in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Mr. W. H. Pierce's motor car, and in making an abrupt curve in the road, the car was overturned in a ditch and threw the occupants out, who were Bonnie and Semoura Clark, Anita Wilkerson, May Whitman and W. H. Pierce. Anita Wilkens received injuries which laid her up the balance of the week. Semoura Clark and May Whitman suffered from scratches and nervous breakdown. Bonnie Clark and W. H. Pierce were thoroughly shaken up. Semoura managed to save her pet dog, "Friskie," from being hurt. After a wait of three hours on the roadside, all members were safely motored back to town in another car.

Bonnie & Semoura and Anita Wilkerson were playing at the Boston Theatre, Roanoke, Va., at the time.

WHITMAN SISTERS PRESENT FINE AND ATTRACTIVE AMUSEMENT BILL AT LAFAYETTE THEATER.

LYNCHBURG, Va.—The famous Whitman Sisters and a company of eight persons were the head liners at the Lafayette this week. Undoubtedly they presented the best act seen around these quarters for many days. Furthermore, the constructive genius of Mabel Whitman and her sisters was manifested in every movement of every participant.

The act is full of snap and ginger, with sufficient humor infused to please the most astute or particular taste. Their costumes were of rare excellence in design, and had been selected with due care. As for dancing, the male members of the company are without rivals.

In comedy they simply demand that you laugh, and you do. When you have dried your mirthful tears you discover the reason the fountain of humor has been turned on.

The wedding scenes would be regarded as a successful act in some of the best houses.

Aaron Palmer, who has never seen George Walker, has a display of movements the equal of the lamented George. The song of Miss Alberta Whitman, in cork, takes the house by storm, while Mabel, Essie and Alice Whitman are each stars. Hence the Lafayette has planned a royal entertainment for their patrons for the week of November 2, when they secured the Whitman sisters and their company of eight, under the direction of the management of Mabel Whitman, the untiring and courageous leader of the company.

Whitman troupe: The show is headed by Mabel Whitman, followed by Essie and Alberta, Aaron Palmer, Samuel Reed, known as Sambo, Rastus Whitman and Thomas Hawkins.

INTERVIEWS OF THE NIXON AND THE ACADEMY THEATRES, PITTSBURG, PA.

Bert Williams and Thomas A Brooks.

(By Lew Hall)

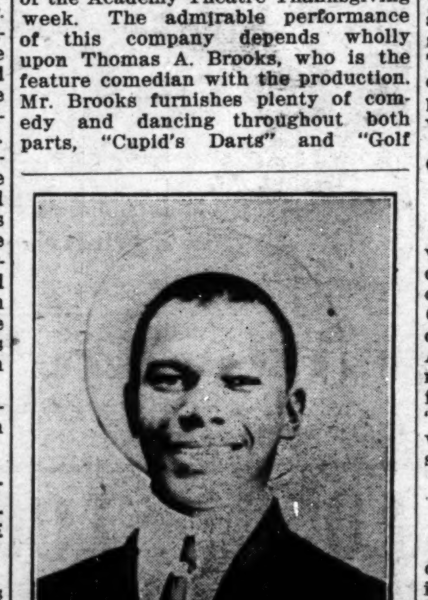
Thanksgiving was a "big hit" in Pittsburg, as was Bert Williams and Thomas A. Brooks, who made a bigger hit in the Smokey City. I had the pleasure of witnessing both productions, "Ziegfield's Follies of 1914," with Bert Williams, and "Froliques of 1914," with Thomas A. Brooks. The two colored stars displayed some clever comedy with the above named companies. Neither Mr. Williams or Mr. Brooks have the "big head," as some colored performers would have if they had the opportunity to feature a big white production. Both artists greeted me cordially, also both presented me two of their best photographs.

The Nixon.

A swirl of color and light, a medley of girls with costumes that mark a fashion-mad age, scenery that raises to the dignity of artistic beauty and taste or becomes stupenduous in its perfective and detail. These are the big component parts of the 1914 edition of Mr. Ziegfield's now notorious "Follies." Bert Williams, one of the funniest male artists on the American stage and a droll comedian of exceptional versatility, was the main event. Swinging on beams high above the brilliantly lighted city, Leon Errol and Bert go through a comedy scene that, considering its massive back ground, is the crowning scenic wonder of Mr. Ziegfield's career. There is no call here for the obitrusion of the critic. Bert makes the people laugh and roar. His slew-foot dance, flavored with "chicken reel," is amazingly funny. He has some new songs which he puts over the foot lights that make a big hit. Too much can not be said of "Old Bert."

The Academy.

"The Froliques of 1914" is the burlesque entertainment offered patrons of the Academy Theatre Thanksgiving week. The admirable performance of this company depends wholly upon Thomas A. Brooks, who is the feature comedian with the production. Mr. Brooks furnishes plenty of comedy and dancing throughout both parts, "Cupid's Darts" and "Golf



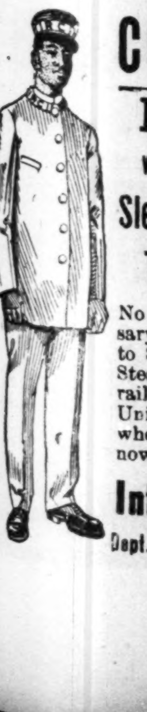
THOMAS A. BROOKS.

Crazy." An attractive and well-trained chorus girls of twenty in number aid in putting the musical numbers over in good style. All so supported Brooks in his big dancing number, which he made a big hit. Among other prominent white figures may be mentioned Sam Collings and Ray Montgomery, who attended to a small portion of the comedy. Emil Agoust and Simone DeBeryl are another feature of the production and appear in a new Apache dance labeled "Mon Ami."

DETROIT DOINGS.

(By Heber.)

Dudley's Vaudette—Jim Goodman, in a comedy musical act, opened the bill. Tyler & Gerwood, in scenic musical act, their principal number Carrisama is well known. Kelly & Davis, in fifteen minutes of whirlwind comedy and real eccentric dance closed the bill. These boys are live and full of ginger and give the audience a continual stream of rapid fire.



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Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

PANDEMONIUM OF TWO THESPIANS.

String Beans and Minstrel Johnson, Who Reveled in Smut, Now Left in Exile Lament.

When people in public life do things that are unwise, it never reflects upon the philosophers who pass judgment by praise or criticism of their activities. We have had a queer November and its ancestral lineage to the pandemonium of Thespia has been appalling. The notable advent of the most important unimportant actor in the jig-time era, Mr. String Beans Butler May has taught us that ignorant actors, like savages, can not easily be trained or even coached to do their stunts willingly. They have to be kept in cowardice by being defied by managers, critics and the law. When Beans found that there were no managers or critics in the old Monogram Theatre, during the last half of his one week's stay in the city, they say he cut loose and spoiled all the good things I had cultivated him to do and praised him for doing and went back to his old tricks of damaging trade and shocked the sensibility of another newspaper man, who happened to be present, and who had open space to write about actors or other public people who glimmer in the glare of the spot light. Mr. Johnson, another actor, formerly a minstrel, now of Johnson & Johnson, who also got scorched by the unknown critic for slinging smut, came running to the noted critic, Russell, to cast it all up to him, but I told him in plain English that I had not been inside the old Monogram since Friday, the thirteenth, unfortunate day with an unlucky number. And so we have it. String Beans, that wonderful spasm of genuine but adulterated fun, whose development I had prided upon and whose future I had cherished, even to a point of thinking to recommend him to the Grand Theatre agent, Lew Cantor, down town, went crazy. So the second week of Beans' engagement was cancelled.

THE PIEROT MINSTRELS AT THE GRAND.

Harry Gilbert Makes a Hit.

Tom Brown and Billy Johnson went back into minstrelsy and last Monday evening we saw the Pierot Minstrels with the full company. The two stars were clowns in tights and Loney Crosby, a rival clown, who danced well, and Mr. Stone helped to amuse. W. Rodger Jones sang an introductory and Carl Dryden gave a cello solo. Mattie Wilkes, now noted for her lavish wardrobe, sang gracefully in Egyptian attire, stunningly enshrouded, and Rose Gordon, with a light voice, sang sweetly. Billy Johnson, always an artist, sang and danced in the finale. If mirth was needful, the fine costumes and scenery atoned, but we would rather see another comedy. Harry Gilbert, a good singer, trained in the classics, made a hit in a parody on the prison scene from Il Trovatore. His early jokes were not acceptable, nor his negro singer's imitation great, but his Italian was good and his lullaby of the original J. K. Emmett, Sr., was vocally perfect and scored. Sergt. Carllouette was a genius juggler on the wire. Allen & Graves were fair and the boy a sweet singer. Miss Marlette's Mamke act was wonderful mechanism. Carjta Day, who has proved to be the Grand's strongest female drawing card, continued popular all the last half of last week and will be able to return often if she will give us something new or song scenes from her golden days with Ernest Hogan in "Rufus Rastus." Brown & Johnson's cabaret continued to grow better. The Monte Carlo act was handsomely gowned. There are a lot of things people say on the stage that the public does not appreciate, and Joe Collin's reference to "Lizzie" was a reduction of his brain. The dude, however, was a good, clean actor and in a duet with the soubrette, who was also good, won applause. Dunlap & Virdin revealed a very talented comedienne, and Zeda & Hoot's dragoon and owl scene was elaborate and skillful. Thanksgiving audiences were the record breaker at this house. The symphony orchestra concerts will be reviewed in the Christmas issue.

Queen Dora, Fine Dancer, at the New Monogram—Nickerson & Ramsey Score.

Queen Dora, a big time fine dancer, was the potent attraction. Her flutter dances revealing men of moment and children were spectacular in beauty. Charles Nickerson, the droll comedian, in a new course of humor, and Alice Ramsey, in a new song which made a hit, was the trump team of fun makers. Ray Bailey was more "chic" than ever, and Johnnie Woods' ventriloquism was still popular in his second week.

Thomas & Ward at the Monogram. Susie Sutton a Star.

Kid Thomas & Margaret Ward, recently seen at the Grand, went big in their Southern wit and songs. Susie Sutton, also late seen at the Grand, gave dramatic art and comicalities, like any other star. George Harris, in black face, except one or two rusty jokes, was better than ever, and The Roys, a big time act, were excellent in singing and dancing.

The Motion Picture Houses.

Thanksgiving at the States turned people away during the entire evening and the Lincoln was well filled at all times. The Phoenix had the usual holiday jam and the Fountain faired very well. The Atlas Theatre, at Forty-second street, has completely closed the little old Alamo, which has been torn out, and business continues to be on the increase. The Star has profited since the new improvement at the front door. The Washington, which has been sold by Manager Kaplan to H. M. Robinson, continues the same policy. "Julius Caesar" is announced for next Sunday.

Stage Notes and Stroll News.

Twinkle Davis, a singing soubrette of good quality, has been entertaining at the Richleu, 20 and 22 East Thirty-first street.

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Rose Fox, who has been on a very successful tour on the Pacific Coast under the name of "Roseika" on the Webster circuit, has returned to the city. Her two main dancing boy actors, Harry Yancey and Tommy Jones, are still with her and she has engaged James Mobley to strengthen the act.

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The amateur sportsmen will give their second annual banquet at their club room 3443 Wabash avenue, Monday, December 7th.

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The Dunbar Athletic Club beat the Lincolns 56 to 0. Three weeks ago the Lincolns won, 6 to 0, in their football contest.

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The Four Comrades Quartet, Mule Bradford, manager; Louis Godfrey, Andrew Bryant and W. H. Hawkins, is busy rehearsing a big time specialty.

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Gaines & Brown have signed on the Western Vaudeville Association. They will leave at once for Watertown, Aberdeen and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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There was an immense crowd at the De Lux Cafe, 3503 State street, on last Sunday evening, when Ollie Powers opened a special engagement there. Virgil Williams, of Los Angeles, Cal., is assistant cashier, and E. W. (China) Howard is also a popular superintendent. William Bottoms and Frank Preer, the proprietors, are catering to public fancy.

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Miss C. Delphia Boger, the popular contralto singer, has arrived in the city to visit her mother, who has been ill at Aurora, Ill. Miss Boger is a teacher in the musical department at the State College, Orangeburg, S. C., where R. S. Williamson, formerly an Oberlin graduate, is president. She is to leave for the Boston Conservatory to complete her musical studies in May.

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The Favorite Sextette of strong instrumentalists and vocalists have arrived in the city and were immediately engaged by Mr. Levin for the new Panama Cafe now being erected. The new enclosure is to be the handsomest place of the kind on the South Side.

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The funeral of George Turner, late door tender police at the Phoenix Theatre, for whom Manager Hammond gave a benefit, took place at his late residence, 3752 Rhodes avenue, November 28, Rev. Lewis officiated. Mr. Turner was 31 years of age. Among those who survive are his wife, Ida Cameron Turner, John Turner, his brother, who arrived from New York; his mother, Mary V. Turner, of Brook Haven; Miss., was also present. Interment was in Mt. Gleenwood cemetery. The pallbearers were Charles Seals, June Dyer, R. C. Partlock, J. G. Winders, Robert Glover and John Robbins. There were many floral offerings from friends.

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The duty of a newspaper man is to meddle in everybody's public business for the benefit of the people at large. The notorious "Defender" gave Smith's pool room an awful "knock" last week. It is one of the most respectable pool rooms in the district, situated at the corner of Forest avenue and Thirty-fifth street. Editor Abbott's reason for so doing is because he failed to get the advertising of these places. If a crime or unlawful act is committed and the parties can buy Abbott out, it don't appear in his paper at all.

A Destiny Decision.

It's awfully nice to be a cur,
To slander men of honored fame;
But prejudice will always slur
The best men known who have a name.

But slanderers earn small reward
For what they do and all they say,
Where greater men consult with God,
Who guides their destiny each day.

Some man must be appointed judge,
While cowards who cry "knockers" squeal;
True criticism brings a grudge,
Is how we tell, when things are real.

Send $1 to this office and receive a year's subscription to The Freeman. This offer holds good until Jan. 1, 1915.

SKUNKTOM BOWSER WRITES FROM COLLIER'S SMART SET.

The team of Daniels & Daniels, the original Skunktom Bowser, has joined Charles Collier's Smart Set Company and have been with the show three weeks and they are making good every night, being one of the feature acts.

Alonza Moore, the magician, has been with us three weeks. He is one of the main feature acts. He is holding his audiences spellbound nightly.

The company is made up of good performers and the show is getting along nicely, playing to packed houses nightly. Mr. Charles Collier, the manager, is all smiles, and the ghost walks twice a week.

Miss Nellie Pride, the piano player, is on the job.

AT THE NEW CROWN GARDEN THEATRE

Second Week of Success for The Sunny South Company, Syd Carter's Aggregation of Fun Makers—Manager Owsley Furnishing Tip Top Attractions—Edwards & Hardee, Granstaff & Davis, Teams of the Best Quality.

After a successful engagement at this theatre last week, Syd Carter's Sunny South Company was held over for this week. Last week's show will be long remembered. It was the record money-getting show of the season. Good enthusiastic crowds the whole week through. The second week has also started out well, promising a good balance on the right side of the ledger.

The show is wholly different to that of last week. It opens and closes the bill, using about the same time required for vaudeville acts. One is confronted at curtain rise with that refreshing minstrel scene—rows of men, standing, chairs behind them, when, after more or less ado, is heard that old familiar expression: "Gentlemen, be seated." The group sings "He's a Devil In His Own Home Town." The end men are Boston Webb and John Warren, who furnish the better part of the fun, assisted by the good work of the interlocutor, Jack Johnson. Ed Woods sings a solo, also Bob Edmonds, both of whom have splendid tenor voices. The closing act was of plantation variety. The steamboat gliding by was a thing of realism. Then the levee scene where the fellows lay around, horse playing and singing. The quartet work was featured as it was in the show of last week. The fine voices, all good, blended in pleasing harmony. The orchestra music was furnished largely by the members of the company.

Edwards & Hardee.

Edwards & Hardee have become favorites at this theatre. They are shortly from the white tops, where they successfully entertained the summer through the curious thousands of all descriptions.

Junk, as Edwards is familiarly known, is one of our best comedians. In one respect he, perhaps, excels all. This is his splendid, clear, musical voice when putting over his gags and jokes, together with the intelligence and happiness that he puts in them. One feels perfectly at ease when he

EDWARDS AND HARDEE, At the New Crown Garden Theater, Indianapolis, this week.

gets ready to turn on a joke; something good is coming, and all sit back and wait for it with the fondest expectation. He goes off the stage leaving them yelling sure enough.

The little lady, Miss Hardee, when on the stage is a splendid little study in sincerity and earnestness. She has caught her partner's conception of making oneself heard, and that distinctly. Her singing voice is pretty; she uses all of it, having an expression of the mouth that in itself is a song. In her attractive clothes, with her figure, she makes for a very pleasing stage personage.

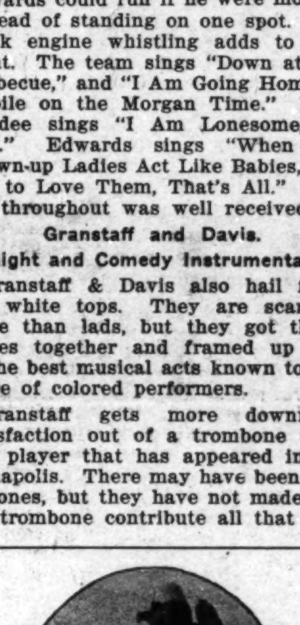
Miss Hardee makes a very good straight to Edward's comedy. His railroad train stunt is his feature. It appears a simple thing but he makes it go big One wonders just how fast Edwards could run if he were moving instead of standing on one spot. His freak engine whistling adds to this stunt. The team sings "Down at the Barbecue," and "I Am Going Home to Mobile on the Morgan Time." Miss Hardee sings "I Am Lonesome for You." Edwards sings "When the Grown-up Ladies Act Like Babies, I've Got to Love Them, That's All." The act throughout was well received.

Granstaff and Davis.

Straight and Comedy Instrumentalists

Granstaff & Davis also hail from the white tops. They are scarcely more than lads, but they got themselves together and framed up one of the best musical acts known to the stage of colored performers.

Granstaff gets more downright satisfaction out of a trombone than any player that has appeared in Indianapolis. There may have been better ones, but they have not made the old trombone contribute all that was



EARL GRANSTAFF
Crown Garden Theatre This Week.

in it. This lad does this. Then he puts on such tantalizing blues. It was interesting to see the test between the two players, each trying to play his kind of music. Davis leads off with a classical triple tongue selection on his cornet, which is rippling and pretty. Granstaff butts in more than once and of course spoiling the cornet music. Just as the audience is about to get sure enough mad for this interference, Granstaff comes on through with a fine brand of blues. Nothin' doin', Mr. Davis. They eat 'em up.

All through the act they take the roles of straight and comedy, except when they do the Miserere from Il Trov-tore, a pretty conception and rendition as an instrumental duet. Davis distinguished himself by doing the "Rosary" on two cornets at the same time, said to be a most difficult thing to do. He played successfully a lead and second tones, or alto, harmonizing nicely all through. They close with a bunch of melodies, consisting of popular airs, blues and so forth, all of which lend gaiety to the production. The act was most satisfactory and highly enjoyable.

THE FAMOUS NEW YORK FOLLIES.

Mr. George Stamper and Miss Minnie Curtis Married on Stage.

We are in over the ninth week in the state of South Carolina, just closing seven weeks in Charleston, S. C., at the Dixieland Theatre to good business. Open week November 23, Columbia, S. C., at the Air Dome Theatre to good business, and at the end of the week found that to give them more of what they wanted, will stay one more week. Mr. George Stamper and Miss Minnie Curtis were married on the stage Wednesday evening after the show. A packed house greeted them on their start in life. All the members of the company gave them presents. Mr. Delaferrier, proprietor, gave him a handsome Tiffany wedding ring. All joined in a good time after the show at Mrs. Cannon's home 1013 Washington street. John H. Smith, our business agent, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pinkey, of the undertaker firm of Pinkey, Hardy & Biggs Thanksgiving day, and the guest of Mr. Nash, of the firm of Shelden & Nash, Sunday.

Everybody is well and the ghost is walking every Monday around 11 o'clock a. m.

Mr. Dan Michaels, our chief fun maker, is hittin them hard at every performance, and is shurely one funny comedian.

Miss Ema Michaels, our leading lady, sends them out humming and whistling her songs.

Mr. George Stamper is doing the straight to Mr. Michaels in a painstaking way, and he and Miss Emma Michaels are cleaning up in the hesitation and fox trot dances.

The show is doing a record-breaking business down South. Hear every manager asking them to stay for a run.

Jeffery, Delynes & Gee closed Saturday night. Stearns & Sterns are holding down the dancing end of the show. We have a good line of printin, both black and lithograph. Some of the members of the company are Stearns and Stearns, Sam Cross, a comedian; Edna Young, Anne Brown, Helen Thompson, Mamie Green, Mae Webb, Minnie Stamper. John H. Smith sends regards to Billy McClain, and Ed Butler, of Atlanta, Ga., piano player.

Yours truly,
DAN MICHAELS,
Per John H. Smith.

DEATH OF MRS. DELLA CLIPPER, FORMERLY AN INDIANAPOLIS GIRL.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Della Tanner Clipper, one of the two Clippers, was born at Indianapolis, Ind., at 1113 Fayette street, in 1891. She came west with her people at the age of nine years. She was a natural singer, never having taken a vocal lesson in her whole life, and at the tender age of 12 years, she went on the vaudeville stage with her stepmother as her chaperon. She filled the place of a team, taking the house

DELLA CLIPPER.

by storm. She went on and on and she became quite a little soubrette. She then met Jesse Clipper and at the early age of 18 she married Clipper and they traveled for only the short period of five years. She made her way up with her sweet voice and was climbing higher and higher until her health began to fail. She was like Ada Overton Walker, she worked and sang until she could not sing any longer, even after she came home she would not give up. Then, after she did give up she did not last long. She died at her home, 6119 South I street, Tacoma, Wash. She was 23 years, 3 months and 11 days old. She leaves a father, a stepmother, a brother, Ernest, C. Tanner, a grandmother, and a step-grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

When in Lynchburg, Va., get your Freeman at R. White's Shaving Parlor, 1005 Fifth street.

Lew Hall in Christmas Issue, December 19.

Lew Hall, author of Hall's "Dippy Dope" Minstrels and other comic columns which appears exclusively in the Freeman, will render some comical sayings in behalf of our leading artists.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE S. H. DUDLEY CIRCUIT.

Week of Nov. 30, 1914.

Washington, D. C., S. H. Dudley Theatre, Lew W. Henry, Manager—Martin & Motley Stock Company. Howard Theatre, Andrew J. Thomas, Manager, Leubrie Hill's Darktown Follies. Foraker Theatre, George Tucker, Manager, Dick & Struffin. Fairyland Theatre, Mr. Ross, Manager, Drake Walker Trio.

Chelsea Theatre, D. Gentry, Manager—Special pictures.

Cambridge, Manager Green's Opera House, Zel Bledseaux, Manager—Nit & Tuck.

Richmond, Va., Hippodrome Theatre, W. J. Coulter, Manager—Davis & Greer—Brown & Pinkey.

Roanoke, Va., Boston Theatre, C. L. Andrews, Manager—Whitman Sisters Stock Company.

Lynchburg, Va., Ford's Theatre, R. F. Johnson, Manager—Bonnie & Semoura Clark.

Newbern, N. C., Dixie Theatre, J. H. Williams, Manager—Ricks & Talbert.

Danville, Va., Columbia Theatre, W. A. Donlevy, Manager—Massengale & Crosby.

Philadelphia, Pa., New Standard Thetre, John T. Gibson, Manager—Wiggins & Wiggins, Arthur Allen, Butler & Johnson, Jones, Ross & Pelleion Trio.

Detroit, Mich., Vaudett Theatre, C. L. Dudley, Manager—Kelly & Davis.

Columbus, O., Crown Winter Garden Theatre, Billy Smith, Manager—Three Cuban Nightengales.

Cincinnati, O., Lincoln Theatre, Marion Brooks, Manager—Watts Brothers.

Louisville, Ky., Ruby Theatre, Wilhoit & Collier, Managers—Reed's Georgia Troubadours.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Crown Garden Theatre, Tim E. Owsley, Manager—Burton & Mack, Granstaff & Davis.

Memphis, Tenn., Church Park Theatre, S. T. Beer, Manager—Clark Comedy Co., Jones & Jones, Denslow & Denslow.

Danville, Va., Dixie Theatre—Anita Wilkins, Hugh Turner.

ROUTE.

J. Leubrie Hill and Darktown Follies with S. H. Dudley; Clarence W. Logan, manager Holliday St. Theatre, Baltimore, Md., week of Dec. 7.

Marshall's Happy Days in Dixieland, Duncan, Okla., week of Dec. 7.

Syd. Carter's Sunny South Co., Ruby Theatre, Louisville, Ky., week of Dec. 7.

Dandy Dixie Minstrels, Johnson and Black managers, Red Lodge, Mont., Dec. 7, 8; Bridger, 9; Fromberg, 10; Columbus, 11.

Wm. McCabe's Georgia Troubadours, Worthington, Minn., Dec. 7; Wilmont, 8; Lismore, 9; Hardwick, 10.

Richard and Pringles' Georgia Minstrels, Holland and Filkins, managers, Nelson, B. C., Canada, Dec. 8; Trait, 9; Rossland, 10; Grand Forks, 11; Phoenix, 12; Greenwood, 14.

LETTER LIST.

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Brown, Willie	Lee, Lawrence
Brown, Rastus	Martin, Jerry
Benjaman, A. E.	Mays, Livingston
Burton, Chas. A.	Mason, E. L.
Boone, J. C.	May, W. M.
Bradford, Slim.	Morton, Roy
Burrell, Wm. H.	Nelson, Buddie.
Bright, William	Nichols, Billy.
Carson, Ed	Nay, C.
Collins, Eldridge	Price, Thomas.
Connors, Reed	Parker, Eli
Dudley, Happy	Perryman, Frank
Dudley, Sam	Parker, Tommy
Daniels, W. E.	Robinson, Frank
Delo, Bert	Riley, George
English, Charles	Rollins, John P.
Early, Ulysses	Suggs, Percy
Earle, Harry J.	Smith, D. D.
Fisher, Wm.	Scott Richard
Freeman, Simpson	Singleton, J. C.
Gibbs, Arthur	Thomas, James
Gertrude, John	Therance, A. J.
Gant, R. H.	Victor, Anatole
Hegamin, Wm. O.	Wooldridge, Bobby
Housley Bros.	Weaver, Millard
Harris, Boyd	Webb, Jeff
Invincible Four	Williams, John H.
Johnson, J. R.	White, R. C.
Johnson, James	Wells and Wells.
Johnson, Bennie	Williams, Alonzo
Jackson, John	Williams, C. G.
Jones & Gray	Young, Edward

Ladies' List.

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Crosby, Marjie	Middlemese, Martha
Delk, Tootsie	McCoy, Viola
Eddington, Bessie	Overton, Anna
Finley, Lulu	Perkins, Georgia
Gill, Ardella	Smith, Laura
Garnet, Evelyn	Smith Gussie
Jefferson, Zenobia	Thompson, Lizzie
Johnson, Beatrice	Tattnel, Rosie
Jones, Reubenstein	Venable, Miss Willie
Latnall Rosa	Woodson, Minnie
Morin, Bessie	Young, Mrs. Bellie

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Syd H. Carter, - - - Manager

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Dan Michaels, Manager.

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Seen and Heard while Passing

By Salem Tutt Whitney With the Smart Set Co.

Thanksgiving Day was consistently observed by the Smart Set Company. All of us have much to be thankful for. God has wonderfully blessed us. His merciful Providence has protected us from fire, flood and wreck. Although afflicted with much sickness, He has seen fit to withhold the blighting hand of Death. Company after company, before and behind us, have closed or stranded, while we have weathered the gale of financial disaster, with all salaries paid up to date . Credit for this must be given to the shrewd work of J. Martin Free, our industrious advance manager; the business acumen of T. L. Corwell, manager of the company, and to the wonderful popularity of the Smart Set Company through the South. Nor must we forget Mr. Chas. E. Barton, who has stood by us like the Rock of Gibraltar, undaunted by the adverse waves of fortune that threatneed to overwhelm us all.

Now that the South is rapidly recovering from an aggravated case of hypochondria, brought on by an infectual attempt to hastily assimilate an overdose of cotton, the capitalists have removed their azure colored glasses and are enabled to look at prosperity's perspective with optimism.

The Thanksgiving dinner was served after the night's performance in Jackson, Miss.

Bill of Fare.

God is Love. God is Good.
God is Merciful.
Let us all be thankful.

Menu.

Oyster cocktail. Roast turkey
Cranberry Sauce
Potatoes a La Gratton
Creamed Peas
Olives. Potato Salad. Mixed Pickles
Mince Pie. Apple Pie. Lemon Pie.
Plum Pudding
Bread. Butter. Coffee. Tea
Cigars. Candies Matches
Drinks
Compliments of Trevor L. Corwell, Manager.
New Young, Chef.

Miss Jennie B. Hillman, for many years a valuable member of the Smart Set Company, who designed, made and fitted the costumes of the present company, would be delighted to hear the many complimentary remarks said of her artistic creations by people en route.

We have just learned of the painful accident that happened to our friend, P. G. Lowery, we are delighted to know that his recovery is certain. It must be more painful to fall off a bandwagon than off the "water-wagon." Mr. Lowery is acknowledged the premier cornetist of the colored race. He is well known throughout the country and his friends are legion.

The Rev. Dr. Wood, Presbyterian minister of one of the most fashionable churches in Philadelphia, once said in an address to young men: "Never quit the job you have, no matter how mean it may be, until you are certain you have a better pob. And be dead certain you have it." If this advice would be heeded by men and women in all lines of employment, the ranks of the great army of the unemployed would soon be depleted. Fourteen years ago, while still a boy, Arthur J. Eilbott was employed in a small way by the Vicksburg Lodge No. 95, B. P. O. F. Arthur evidently thought he had a good job for he has been in their employ ever since. His industry, sobriety and reliability have been rewarded for he now holds the responsible position of steward. He carries the keys to the whole establishment, which is one of the largest Elk's rests in the U. S. A. Mr. Elliott is highly respected and admired by his many friends. Mr. Eilbott, his wife, Ada, and their little daughter, Evie May, are enthusiastic Smart Set fans and are always on hand to root for their favorites.

Walter Burch and wife, well known in society circles of Baton Rouge, La., entertained several members of the Smart Set Company at a delightful dinner party while the company was playing that city.

Johnson's Orchestra, one of the best musical organizations of the South, contributed the overtures and intermediate music during the Smart Set engagement at Baton Rouge to the delight of the audiences and the company. Members of the organization are C. B. Vidal, first violin; Moses Johnson, second violin; Morris Victor, cornet; B. H. Homer, trombone; Walter Burch, bass violin, and Ed Jennings, drums.

Miss Hattie Akers, on account of illness, was obliged to remain in Crowley, La., for several days. While there she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Doctor Ennis. Thanks to the Doctor's efficient service, she is able to be with the company again. Miss Akers desires to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ennis for their generous hospitality.

Mr. Hoffman, of Sheely and Hoffman's minstrels, saw the Smart Set show in Baton Rouge, where his company follows as the next attraction. Mr. Hoffman is an old circus manager. He says he was advised to avoid colored show business as one would a pestilence. He was not deterred from making an effort in this line, and says he has no reason so far to regret the venture. The company has been meeting with much success and leaves a good impression everywhere. Clarence Powell, the South's favoriate minstrel man, is starring the aggregation. Mr. Hoffman attributes his success to Mr. Powell's cleverness and drawing ability. He speaks of Mr. Powell in the highest terms as a man and an artist. S. H. Dudley has just finished a new act for the company, which Mr. Powell prposes to put on in a few days. In direct contrast to many white managers of vaudeville houses and companies, who claim that a little "smut" skillfully applied is necessary to the success of a colored show. Mr. Hoffman comes forth as a stanch advocate of the "clean" show. He allows nothing suggestive to be perpetrated upon his stage by any member of the company. He not only insists upon a clean performance, but he makes it imperative that every member of the company must dress neatly and cleanly on and off stage. He insists that they deport themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times and places. In this way he contributes towards raising the standard of colored show business and shows. Many colored managers of small theaters encourage or countenance the use of "smut," preying upon the moral weakness of many and satisfying the depravity of a few, forgetting the great injustice and lasting injury inflicted upon the minds and characters of the young boys and girls who frequent their theaters.

We are glad to learn that Effie King, of the popular vaudeville team of King and Gee, is meeting with great success in her new act, "The Cuban Nightingales." The trio includes Miss King, Nino Marshall and Viola.

All members of the Smart Set Company are looking forward to their New Orleans engagement with joyful anticipations. They are sure to be welcomed by a host of friends and no doubt the beautiful Temple theater will be crowded to capacity at every performance. Yours truly expects to spend some happy moments with his old friends, Judge Madison Vance.

New Orleans, La., November 30.

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Billy Terry, the black face comedian, was in Marion, Va., last week, where he gave a successful entertainment. Josephine Terry was one of the numbers on the program.

Easton & Easton are in their sixth week at the Dreamland Theatre, San Antonio, Texas, and will open at the Lincoln Theatre, Galveston, Texas, for three weeks, beginning November 30, with Oklahoma City to follow.

Washburn & Piper have taken charge of the Lincoln Theatre, Springfield, Ill. Little Seymour James, the singing and dancing comedian, is with them. The bunch is a good one to start with. They ought to make things go.

Dorsey-Lazzo Trio just closed four successful weeks at The New Globe Theatre, Jacksonville, Fla., and are now playing The Dixieland Theatre, Charleston, S. C., with Chas. P. Bailey's New Theatre, Atlanta, Ga., and S. H. Dudley's circuit to follow; booked solid.

Thos. A. Thompson, en route with T. J. Cullegan's Nashville Students, doing straight and interlocutor, doubling clarinet in the band, piano in the olio, would like to receive a line now and then from old-time friends, such as Prof. Dan Hull, Paul Carter, Dick Brown, Willie Eldridge, Prof. Willie Timons and several others. Regards to all. Address, care of Freeman, or 1110 Nineteenth avenue North, Seattle, Wash.

THE PASSING SHOW IN WASHINGTON.

(By AR-W-TEE.)

Rose Brown and Priscilla Cisco (Pinkey) have risen to the top row of sister teams by hard work and original methods. They are genuine artists and their two big weeks here at the American and the Howard have made them warm favorites. Miss Brown is a native Washingtonian and Miss Pinkey is to be one of us by adoption. They put over "At the Ball," "That Crooney Melody," and other selections in fine style and their dancing, both fancy and grotesque, has not been excelled here. Brown and Pinkey are winners.

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The Martin & Motely Stock Company, in their 'teenth week at Dudley's, are still "going big," crowded houses nightly being the rule. There seems to be no end to Edgar Martin's funnyisms, and these standard entertainers, Rosa Motley, Frederico De-Botts, Henry Jones, Rosetta Smith, Katie Jones, Hilarie Friend, and others fill their parts to a nicety. This week's offering is "The Bunco Insurance Man," and the satire on the pecularities of the insurance business is cleverly worked out.

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Lew W. Henry, the best stage manager in the "biz," is back on the job as head pusher at the Dudley Theatre, none the worse for his strenuous career down at the American. Mr. Henry has a big scheme and will make some folks open their eyes when he springs it. It is too good to talk about until the time is ripe to let the public and possible competitors into the secret.

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The Foraker is off the Dudley black list.

Douglas Gentry always has a "screamy" bill at the Chelsea, M street near Nineteenth.

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The critics say the Clef Club pulled off too much "rag" to thoroughly please the brilliant and classic audience which turned out to hear a symphony program.

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Romeo L. Dougherty, as dramatic and athletic editor of the Washington Sun, is waking the echoes in this neck of the woods. He is transplanting New York's up-to-date methods of newsgathering to the nation's capital. It is up to our folks here whether we can keep such a genius on the job or not.

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Miss Grayce LeCooke, New York's pretty soubrette and character artist, is being urged to fill an engagement here and to go over the principal cities of the South on the Dudley circuit. Miss LeCooke is a prime favorite here, being well remembered for her brilliant work in the Rogers & Creamer "Old Man's Boy" company last spring.

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Misses Anna Hurtt and Loretta Winthrop, attached to the Ziegfeld's "Follies Company," spent the week in the city and were guests at the Actor's Home, recently established by Mrs. Daisy W. Henson.

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Mme. Anita Patti Brown writes from Boston that she may stop over at the Capital en route for her home in Chicago. The Bronze Tettrazzini has just concluded a successful series of engagements in and around Boston, following a tour of the Atlantic seaboard. She appears in New York City as the principal attraction of Walter F. Craig's famous Pre-Lenten Musical Festival, and will be heard in Washington under favorable auspices just after that period.

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The Griffin Sisters have decided not to continue at the Fairyland, which they had tentatively bargained to lease for a term of years. They may assume the management of the Odeon at Newark, N. J., which S. H. Dudley opened a few weeks ago. The Griffins are business women from their hearts and will win, if given half a chance.

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A handful of colored people braved the "Jim Crow" gallery at the National Theatre last week to see Bert Williams in Ziegfeld's "Follies of 1914."

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Miss Susie Sutton, after a triumphal season in the West, is working eastward and homeward. She is expected here by the Christmas tide.

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The Whitman Sisters, Mae, Essie, Alberta and Alice, were at the Blue Mouse for two weeks and put on their clever acts, using eight people, including those master "picks," Sambo and Aaron. The company is in Lynchburg, Va., this week.

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Colored theatrical folks are watchfully waiting the next move of the Blue Mouse management.

HALL'S WISDOM OF STAGEDOM.

Hints From Sharp Wits.

(By Lew Hall.)

The more acquaintances the more danger.

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A bold attempt is half success.

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The worst artist often gives some good advice.

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Though old and wise be still advised.

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Be not too hasty to underbid another.

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Praise other acts, keep mum of yours.

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Draw not your bow until your arrow is fixed.

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Acts which swell in prosperity, will shrink in adversity.

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Music is known by its note and knockers by their talk.

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Always appear what you are and a little below it.

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If you don't succeed with one blow don't hesitate to deliver two.

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Those who deal with a bone-head will have need of less brains.

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Hold your hands off other artists' brains till you get some of your own.

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No artist is so bad but that something may be learned from he or she.

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The public thinks those fools who brag of their own great wisdom. Those who brag constantly make good occasionally.

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There are two bores in the profession: The one who knows too much and the one who knows too little.

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He who is an enemy of the team does not speak well of the act.

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Do not all you can. Spend not all you have. Believe not all you hear. Tell not all you know.

NOTES FROM HALL'S DIPPY-DOPE MINSTRELS.

(By Lewis Hall.)

We are still playing at the Ishkabibble Theater. Having hard luck as usual. Everybody is well except those who are sick, and they don't feel so well.

The "ghost" slipped and broke its leg the other night and has been unable to "walk."

Pork and Beans, our clever sketch artists direct from Boston, are making a terrific hit with song, entitled, "If Ella Goodlow Were Peas, Is String Beans"? Mr. Blackburn, our distinguished interlocutor, is singing, "If Stage-Struck Girls Are Off, Is Frank Hend-on?"

Miss Highjack is featuring "If Rucker Made Five Bright Days, Would He Make 'Ten Dark Knights?'" Mr. Bonehead is screaming them nightly, singing "If My Ring is Brass, is Isola Ringgold?"

The entire company closes the first part featuring that famous crazy ballet: "The Saint Vitious Dance."

The entire bunch are going to have their mugs pictured in the Xman isue. That's according if the camera will stand the test.

"NEWS FROM BAM."

The Crackerjack Minstrels that are being organized in Hot Springs, Ark., placed an ad in the Billboard for all kinds of performers and musicians. After nine people, performers and musicians, wired the instigators of this company to join on wire, they, the parties who are forming the company, refused to send tickets. Take a little tip from pappy, boys, and don't get tied up with a man or men who can't send you tickets, even the panic be on. Does it mean that we as performers and musicians must work for nothing, jjust to be on the road? There is always somthing to do for the man that can do something. One of the smartest men in the show world closed in Terrell, Texas. Take a hint and govern yourselves accordingly. Busby Minstrels showed Terrell, Texas, the 23d. Business was fair. Queen theater in Terrell is still knocking along. Park theater in Dallas, where the Russell-Owens stock company is now playing, is being put on a paying basis by that company. Three of the Sunny Dixie Minstrels boys took a flying trip to Dallas and witnessed one of the stock company's shows. It was fair, so it was reported. As for the parties who are on that stock company we can't say, as we only met Russell and Owens. No, we didn't get to cast any of our pleasant smiles at the lady performers. Dixie boys were asked why. They said they were not introduced. Bum junk, but I can't believe that about that company. Why they are the town talk in Dallas. Chester Johnson, one-time performer, is conducting a swell picture house in Dallas, and is cleaning up. Stovall and Stovall are playing the Star theater in Dallas and have made good for several weeks. The J. W. Wright and Scott stock company are now playing the Lincoln Theater in Galveston, scoring nightly. Much luck to you. Ella Moore stock company are leaving a clean record behind them. Keep up the good work. The Sunny Dixie Minstrels, owned by Dana Thompson, closed for 1914. All members of the company have left for their homes to spend a few weeks with relatives. Show opens again in the early spring. Business manager for the company left between suns, so we heard. Comment on the Nashville Students is that their band happens not to have them.

NOTES FROM J. C. O'BRIEN'S MINSTRELS.

We are in the state of South Carolina, still headed towards our home in dear old Georgia. And business is fair in spite of low prices of cotton. But we are getting ours. Our band, under the directorship of Prof. G. W. Ayers, is still winning the hearts of music loving people. The one, and original Silas Green is still keeping his audience in an uproar. Mr. Chas. Trice, the silver tone tenor, joined us again in Raleigh, N. C., and is still rendering those classy ballads. Mr. Sam Jones, the North Carolina Sunbeam, is opening the show, and is opening it hot. Mr. Willie Mathews, the boneless wonder, is still keeping his audience spellbound. Mr. J. C. Priedjohn, the musical tramp, is still a winner. Mrs. Ader Green is still cleaning, singing "Peg o' My Heart," and "Chesapeake Bay." Alfred Drew, juggling jester and slack wire artist, is keeping the audience spellbound with his slack wire act. Mr. H. C. Williams, our clever interlocutor and straight man, knows just how to feed his comedians. Our concert is composed of unsurpassed and unexcelled singers, dancers, comedians and vaudeville specialists, opening with Prince Ali Monia, high-class magician and fire king, featuring all the latest Hindo magic. Mr. Chas. Trice and Mrs. Ader Green ,the famous tango dancers, assisted by four more couple; then comes Giles & Mathews, high class acrobats. Mr. Giles presents a novel feature in strength, lifting 300 pounds with his teeth. Mr. Lue Aronson, manager of No. 2 show, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien. First class musicians and performers, keep in touch with us and watch the Freeman. Our celebrated orchestra is under the leadership of Prof. D. R. Hull, and is featuring the "Memphis Blues," "Turkish Towel," and all high class overtures.

JOSEPH CLARK, JR'S., DIXIE PLAYERS.

Joseph Clark, Jr.'s Dixie Players, featuring Elvis Slim Mason and an all-star company opened at Church Park Theater, Memphis, Tenn., to a crowded house. Everybody seemed to be well pleased with the show. One of the features of the show was Handy's full orchestra of seven pieces. Miss Maymie Ashford was well received and Mr. Church highly endorsed. Mr. Clark's company, after playing two weeks here, will go to Nashville. Mr. Clark sends regards to all in and out of the profession.

HAPPY BEAUREGARD, OF R. AND P. FAME AND AL W. MARTIN'S PICKUP, ENTERTAINS.

One of the grandest surprises that could be witnessed by performers was the meeting of Happy Beauregard and Billy Ward, the black Dockstader at the residence of Mr. Louis Whittaker, 2932 S. State street on Sunday last. "Happy" and Billy had not met since 1904 at the Park Theater, Brooklyn, N. Y., The meeting was promoted by Mr. Whittaker unknowingly to both parties. After hearty handshakes and reminiscences of the past, a bountiful repast was served by Mrs. Whittaker. Mr. Hiram Lowell acted as toast-master and was loud in promoting a Negro home for colored actors, which can be maintained very easily by the profession. Mr. Beauregard has now retired from the profession for a little while and is employed by "Berry's" the only soda dispenser in the loop. To show he is a progressive performer he has bought himself a lovely home in Challivough, Mich. After a few remarks and toasts the many guests of Messrs. Whittaker and Beauregard took automobiles for a trip round the city.

GRANSTAFF & DAVIS A HIT AT 81, ATLANTA, GA.

Brownie and Holmes, in their rapid fire sidewalk patter of late jokes and songs, opened the bill and scored nicely. Lonnie Fisher doing a domestic single took up where they left off and worked them up to a high pitch. Then came Grandstaff and Davis, a new team to Atlanta. They caught the audience from the start. Grandstaff kicked them with his dancing and comedy playing of trombone at the same time. Too much credit can not be given Davis for mastering a seemingly impossibility, playing the Rosary on two cornets at once. Then they rendered the Miseer, making music lovers of even the kids. Their regular closing, a medley, called for an encore which they answered with the Blues, stopping the pictures. They over-made good from the manager, the audience down to the curtain boy.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 23, 1914.

Just to let you know that we are still on the Dudley time and where we have played and made good with a new act that is different from the rest. We sing, we dance and talk. One week at the Ruby, Louisville, then the Lincoln at Cincinnati; E. B. Dudley's, Detroit; Winter Garden, Columbus; the Star, Pittsburgh; the Standard, Philadelphia; this week at the "Hip," Richmond, Va.; next week at Roanoke, with two more weeks to follow, and then home to spend the holidays. A merry Christmas to all our friends. CROSBY & NEELEY.

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SAM LANGFORD BEATS WILLS.

Knocks Out the New Orleans Heavy Weight—The Tar Baby Had His Hands Full—Goes to the Floor Four Times.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 26.—Sam Langford keenly disappointed thousands of well-meaning people who gathered in the Vernon fight shed in the expectation of seeing him knocked stiff by Harry Wills, a saddle-colored "hope" from New Orleans.

As things turned out, it wasn't any of Tham's funeral. Langford was unkind enough to knock out his sunburned brethren from the south in the fourteenth round. Very thoughtless of Tham. Consequently, it is necessary to postpone writing Langford's obituary to some future date. The Black Terror still is custodian of the roost. He has grown fat with age, but not feeble.

The knockout came as the climax of the greatest heavyweight battle in the history of local fightdom, in which the great Langford was outfought for practically every minute of the going up to the instant that he whipped in the two punches that sent his huge antagonist spent and unconscious to the mat.

Battered Old Sam.

Thirteen rounds Langford was buffeted about the ring, driven from rope to rope like a pugilist derelict before the powerful, pistonlike blows of his giant opponent. Four times in the first two rounds he had been stretched at full length on the canvass, three times from crushing rights to the jaw which would have felled an ox, and once from being thrown.

Langford slowly recovered from this terrific attack, and by the fifth round had found himself to the extent of taking it by a shade. But aside from that one flash he had been beaten every inch of the way, when the fourteenth swung around. His sole hope lay in one decisive punch, and the tremendous reach and almost uncanny cleverness of the shifty Wills made this look very remote.

The fourteenth opened with Wills missing repeatedly. He was wild for the first time. Langford was becoming savagely aggressive. But his efforts seemed puny. After they had been boxing for a little more than a minute they broke from a clinch in the center of the ring. Suddenly an arm so short and big that it looked actually pudgy, shot out from Langford's left side. It was a left hook, and caught the confident Wills squarely on the jaw.

Wills Went Out.

Wills was hit hard, but for an instant did not seem badly shaken. Then the huge body began to reel. Wills staggered slowly back. He was stunned, his senses gone. Possibly there was just enough consciousness left for him to see a meaningless black shape in front of him. His knees bent, and his hands dropped to his side. All defense was gone. It was the picture of a strong man spent and broken. The beaten man surged back until his back was pillowed on the east ropes. These sustained him in upright position until Langford could put on the finishing touch.

Sam walked over and brought a short, choppy left hook to the sagging jaw. It was the short stroke of a butcher wielding a cleaver, traveling not more than six inches. Already practically out, Wills, under the impetus of this punch, crumpled like a wet rag and plunged to the floor, prone in his own corner—the corner from which he had sprung with the lithe, confident leap of a victor but a minute before.

The Old Man Won.

Langford's justly celebrated left had done the business. Sam knew it, and started for his own corner without giving his fallen foe a second look. But warning cries from his seconds sent him back, and he stood bent over and studying the face of the beaten Wills until Referee Blake had completed the formality of counting ten.

The old man won, won what probably was one of the greatest battle of his career—in the fact of terrific odds, and after an uphill battle that proved him game to the marrow. The old man fought, and fought well. A thousand times it seemed that he hung on the brink of defeat.

Langford is not the fighter of old. He is loaded down with fat, the fat of old age that will not come off.

His movements, once executed with the supple smoothness of the perfect animal, are now labored and ponderous, and there lingers only a trace of his former speed.

But underneath the folds of fat that envelop his body, there still lurks a spark of the elemental strength of the primitive man, and he has not forgotten how to fight.

Completely Outmatched.

Overmatched in size, weight, height, reach, speed, cleverness, punching power, and everything except courage, the ability to assimilate punishment, and ring craft, Langford won because he had not forgotten how to fight.

His efforts to box the southern Adonis were ludicrous. At long range there always was that long, sinewy left, reaching out like a lean black feeler to hold him at arm's length. Jab, jab, jab, ceaselessly that long piston played on Sam's handsome brunette nose. And poised to strike was that crushing right. When Sam escaped the left, and edged his way inside, that right would sink into his fat belly. Time and again, Langford, with his man gliding back and forth in front of him along the ropes, stood front of him along the ropes, stood puzzled and baffled by that seemingly impenetrable defense.

Wills is dazzlingly clever, and is possessed of a strength that is appalling. At close quarters, the powerful Langford was but a puppet in his hands. Foiled at long range and in close work, Langford early in the fight realized that his one hope lay in one well-directed punch. But not until Wills had groped him with the cruel and calculating hand of a vivisectionist for thirteen rounds, in which he took enough punishment to beat five ordinary boxers, was he able to find an opening through which to flash this blow. Sam shaped his battle to the exigencies of the occasion. He beat a better fighter, because he was the better strategist, and because he was plucky enough to take a hundred punches in order to get over the one big punch.

Wills "Acted Smart."

The desire to "show off" helped Wills to beat himself. The trouble is that he seems to think that he is a humorist. In the fourth round, and later, when he should have been fighting for a knock-out, and taking no chances, he laid himself wide open and used his cleverness solely to show Langford up and make him look bad. He made Sam look like a sucker all right, but the joke proved to be on Wills.

After the crowd had been "snapped" by the movies, Langford waddled down the aisle arrayed in all the glory of his celebrated peacock kimono. He climbed through the ropes at 3:25. At his heels were Art Collins, George Beyers, Harry Wilson and Jimmy Hanlon. Wills followed thirty seconds later, discreetly ducking his head to avoid bumping it against the platform on which the moving picture camera

SAM LANKFORD,
The Boston Tar Baby.

was supported above the aisle. In his corner were Kid Blue, Congo Kid, Leo Johnson and Watson Burns, a most impressive array of color. Langford had already seated himself with the sun to his back, and Wills took what was left.

Sam looked serious, but not particularly concerned. And Wills did not seem to be greatly terrified when he looked across at the homely dark gentleman in the other corner.

The Color Scheme.

Sam is black all over—the fast black of the true Senegambian. Wills also is very brunette in the face, but when he stripped his body was seen to be a burnt sienna.

Charley McHugh, who had announced until his voice had become husky, suddenly left out a Macedonian cry for Joe Woodman. Joe advanced boldly to the front, and held conversation with Langford. It is believed that Sam wanted to know how much money was in the house.

All hands, including the principals, Managers Woodman and Lala, and a battalion of seconds, then congregated in the center of the ring while Referee Blake explained the rules that govern modern warfare. All this time the moving-picture operator was furiously grinding away at the crank.

When Langford shed his kimono it was observed that he had fortified himself with a wide elastic surcingle or belly-band, which reached several inches above his trunks. The purpose of this was to keep his tummy from sagging. Otherwise Sam might accirentally have stepped on it.

When the gong sent the men away, they presented a startling contrast. Wills, trained to perfection, cleanlimbed as an Apollo, towered, it seemed, a yard over the short, squat figure in front of him. Surely that fat little man could never hope to reach his jaw without a stepladder.

Sam Does Down.

They sparred briefly, and then exchanged light lefts, and followed with rights. Wills was grinning confidently. Langford crowded Wills to the north side of the ring and missed a left. Quick as a flash Wills worked his one-two punch. He put a straight left to Langford's chin, and then whipped the right to the jaw of the already reeling Langford. There was dynamite in that last punch, and Langford went down heavily. The Black Terror down on his back almost before the fight had started! The crowd was stupefied with surprise. He was up at the count of seven.

He instinctively crowded his man back to the north side. Wills unloosed that one-two thing again. Under the impact of that right, Langford hurtled half-way across the ring, falling heavily on his back. This time he took the count of nine. Those blows of Wills were delivered with the sureness and speed of a snake's strike. Langford stuck out the round. He smiled in a half-puzzled way as he walked to his corner.

A Worried Manager.

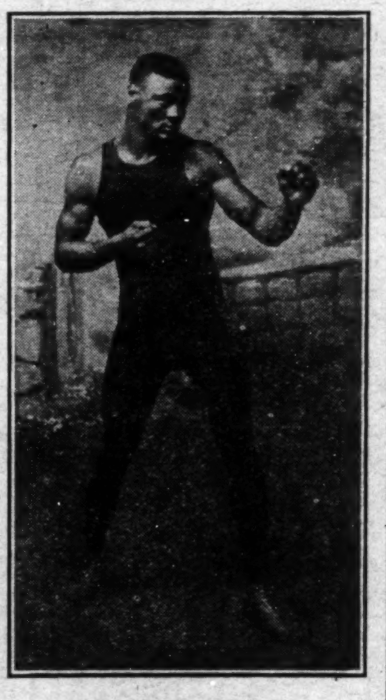
In the second round Langford literally tried to pry himself inside his opponent's guard so as to get close, but it was no use. Wills floored him with another vicious right for the count of six. Sam got up and rushed, only to go down again. This time he was half shoved and half tripped. He complained of hurting his ankle, and after stalling out the round limped to his corner. Woodman passed the rest of the afternoon massaging Sam's well-known ankle between rounds. Joe was plainly worried, and he had reason to be. His man plainly was getting the worst licking of his career.

Langford blocked better at long range in the third, which was slow, with not much damage on either side.

In the fourth Langford circled around and around Wills, looking for an opening, but couldn't find it. Sam took a good deal of punishment at long range, but was carefully analyzing his man.

By the fifth he seemed to have his bearings, and had that round by a shade. But that was the one bright spot in his career until the thirteenth.

Each round was practically a repetition of the one preceding it, Wills beating his man at long range and at close quarters. But as the battle progressed his punch seemed to become



HARRY WILLS,
Of New Orleans, La.

slightly dulled by the natural process of time, and his execution was not as severe as in the earlier rounds. Langford, contrary to the predictions, showed no signs of "blowing" after the tenth, and seemed fully as fresh as Wills when the climax came.—From The Times of Los Angeles.

JACK JOHNSON PASSES UP JESS WILLARD—WILL TAKE ON NEGRO OPPONENT.

After all the wire pulling and manipulation on the part of his backers, it begins to look as if Jess Willard will not get first crack at Jack Johnson for the world's title. The latest news concerning the future engagements of the champion is that either Sam McVey or Battling Jim Johnson is to be his next opponent, the battle to take place in Havana, Cuba, the latter part of March or early in April, 1915. I have this information direct from a gentleman representing George Bradt, of Havana, who is at the head of the syndicate organized to promote a series of heavyweight matches during the coming winter and spring season.

According to my informant, the plans originally called for a fight to a finish between Sam Langford and Sam McVey, the winner to meet Johnson. But it developed that McVey's manager, George Lawrence, at present in New York City, did not care for any of the "Tar Baby's" game, and entered his objections to Langford's being made a principal. Then it is also thought that Johnson objected to any plans which would give him Langford for an opponent.

It has been announced in the New York papers that Jack Johnson and McVey have been matched, but according to my information this is a little mfwyeomfw yeomfweofwywwyw trifle premature. McVey's participation in a match with the champion depends entirely upon the success he meets with in the preliminary skirmish with Jim Johnson. The winner of that bout is to get the coveted chance for the title.

Match Not Popular.

The proposed importation of the negro fighters is not at all popular with certain interests in Havana.

The statement that the United States would send 20,000 people to see Langford and McVey fight (this was printed before the shift was made), is absurd. It is extremely doubtful if a baker's dozen would travel to Cuba even to see Johnson and Langford, and that lay-out would be made up solely of newspaper men who would go because it came as part of their duties. But with the big negro population in Havana the venture may be able to make a little money, leaving the greater profits to come from the sale of moving picture rights.

Anyway, it looks as if Willard has been left in the cold for the time being.

While on the subject of negro fighters, a word concerning this Harry Wills, the New Orleans heavyweight, now matched to box Sam Langford 20 rounds in San Francisco, may be interesting to the readers of this column. I don't know anything about Wills myself, but he has plenty of admirers to boost for him. Billy Jordan, the veteran announcer, who probably has seen more prize ring battles than any other man in the world, thinks Wills a better fighter than the great Peter Jackson ever was. This is praise, indeed, coming from so good a judge as the veteran Jordan, who goes on to say that Wills can, in his opinion, beat any heavyweight in the game, not excepting Johnson and Langford, and that the coming battle with the latter fighter will prove Wills one of the greatest fighters ever in the game.—James J. Corbett.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Chicago may have six-round bouts after the first of the year.

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Battling Jack Thomas, of Memphis, Tenn., was knocked out by Jack Mitchell, of Chicago, in the third round of a scheduled eight-round bout before the Future City A. C. of St. Louis, on November 22nd, this being the fastest bout ever witnessed here. Mitchell sent Thomas down for the count of nine three times in the third round with terrific lefts to the jaw. Both men are middleweights.

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New Orleans, La., Nov. 27.—Sam McVey and Harry Wills, negro heavyweights, have been matched for a 20-round bout here December 20, it was announced today.

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Tom McCarty, cousin of the late Luther McCarty, earned a point decision over Battling Levinsky in the ten-round main bout, November 26th, at the Irving A. C., Brooklyn. McCarty faced the milling in every round, while Levinsky's punch had little effect on the Westerner.

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Santa Cruz, Cal.—Kicked on the head in a Rugby football game, Russell Peace, member of a Santa Cruz high school team, died November 26 from cerebral hemorrhage. Principal Bond has declared that there shall be no more inter-scholastic football in Santa Cruz.

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Omaha, Neb.—Roy Milner, of Cleveland, the first motorcycle rider to test the new Omaha automobile speedway which was opened November 28th, was killed when he attempted to take a curve at high speed. Milner was thrown from his wheel against one of the uprights. His head was crushed.

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Memphis, Tenn.—Young Pal Moore, of Memphis, gained an eight-round decision over One Punch Hogan, New Orleans bantam here November 24th, in a mill, during which the entire trip offered little savoring of the classic. Moore had several inches reach on the Louisiana youngster and worked his way into a decision by the frequent use of this. Hogan showed a fair right or fair strength, but its wideness marked the wallop as ineffective. Hogan conceded about six pounds to the local boy, who weighed in at 112 pounds.

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Milburn Saylor practically has been matched to meet Jack Britton, the tough Chicago mauler, in a scheduled ten-round bout at Racine, Wis., Dec. 11. Ray Bronson expects to close the contest today. J. W. Krause, formerly of this city, is matchmaker for the Racine club. Britton is a big card in Racine and, as he is from Chicago, it is figured many Windy City fans will make the short trip to the Wisconsin town to see the battle.

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Battling Jack Russell, of Montgomery, Ala., who holds the championship of the East, made a wonderful showing at the Montgomery A. C. Monday night, November 16, by knocking out two in the same night—Kid Black, of Memphis, in the first round, and Young Johnson in the second round, and is now ready to meet Young Joe Gans for the colored lightweight championship of the world, and would like to hear from all good fighters. Would like for all fighters to drift through Montgomery and stop at the Montgomery A. C. They can be matched. We have all sizes.

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WHITMAN WILL CHANGE BOXING COMMISSIONERS.

Governor-Elect Favors the Game—Does Not Like the Way It is Conducted.

NEW YORK.—It can be stated upon the best authority that one of the first official acts of Governor-elect Whitman when he moves to Albany will be to appoint two new boxing commissioners. Major Dixon will be requested to remain, but successors will be appointed for Frank O'Neil and James Price. Another secretary will succeed Charles Harvey.

It is understood that Mr. Whitman is not altogether satisfied with the way in which boxing has been conducted, particularly in this city, and has determined to make a change. What particular instances, if any, have prompted this determination can not be said, nor is it possible to even intimate what men Mr. Whitman has decided to appoint. But that these changes will be made is asserted positively.

That Mr. Whitman is not opposed to boxing, if conducted as the Frawley law prescribed, is understood. However, once he takes up his duties as Governor he will not countenance the slightest deviation from the letter perfect interpretation of the law. This is not intended to infer that there has been any such deviation under the present regime. It is merely a statement of Mr. Whitman's views as they are understood.

CAPTAIN OF CHAMP. BASKET BALL TEAM THINKS WEST BEHIND EAST IN ATHLETICS.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sporting Editor of Indianapolis Freeman:

Dear Sir—I have noticed with some regret that the colored athletes of the West are far behind the athletes of the East in winter spirts. I speak as the captain of champion colored basket ball team of the United States for the season of 1911-12 and as manager of Typhoon A. A. of Pittsburg.

The management of Typhoon A. A., which has games scheduled with such teams as Howard University, Lincoln, Hamilton, Smart Set of Brooklyn, Alpha P. C. C. of New York City, would like to arrange games with a Western team from either Louisville, Indianapolis, Columbus or Chicago.

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YALE STADIUM WOULD BE AN IDEAL SPOT FOR WORLD'S SERIES.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Will the next world's series be played in the Yale Bowl? Baseball authorities of no less prominence than Harry Hempstead, president, and John B. Foster, secretary of the New York National League baseball team, think that it can be played there. To take measurements and assure themselves of the possibility that the series might take place there was the cause of their recent visit here.

The matter of playing the world's series on the surface of the bowl is of vital interest for every nine of the major leagues, irrespective of the prospects of his team to land the championship. The chances of the Giants for capturing the championship of the National League next season are only an incidental part of the effort to ascertain whether the winners of the American and National leagues might profitably meet in the bowl and of the interest of the New York National League magnates in the proposition.

If the post-season games can be brought here crowds of 72,000 can be accommodated easily, doubling the receipts from the games. It is stated that one of the facts disclosed by the measurements taken by Messrs. Foster and Hempstead is that there is more room in the bowl for a baseball game than was provided in the crowded Fenway grounds on Columbus Day for the Athletics and the Braves and than there has been on many former occasions for big crowds at the Polo Grounds.

Although the bowl was constructed primarily for Yale's football and track meets, there are some of the members of the Committee of Twenty-One, who had charge of the scheme, who believe that there is room in the structure for Yale's baseball games. At any rate, an attempt will be made to play some of Yale's games there.

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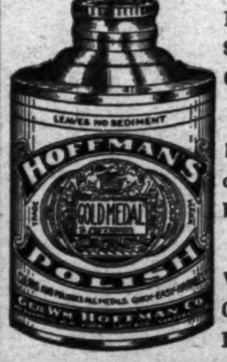

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LOCAL.

The sacramental services were preached by Rev. E. A. Clark of Allen's chapel.

Miss Nora A. Roberts spent her vacation with her parents, in Kokomo. She returned to the city Sunday.

Rev. Miss Nellie G. Hale, the evangelist and gospel worker, is quite ill in Pilgrims Mission, 806 Locke street.

The Rev. Bryant occupied the pulpit Simpson chapel on last Sunday and preached the morning evening sermons.

Rev. Mr. Bryant and family have moved to Chicago, where he will be superintendent of the Chicago-Indianapolis district.

Mr. Alonzo Ellis, of Champaign, Illinois, was in this city last week visiting friends and spending his Thanksgiving.

Miss Louise Reid, of Frankfort, Ky., will be the guest of Miss Eugenia Dent, in Fayette street, during the Christmas holidays.

The ladies as well as the gentlemen are expected at the monster meeting Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. The speaker has a message to deliver to all.

The Bachelors' Club, of which W. R. Viney is the president, held the second of their series of assembly dances on last Friday evening at Pythian Hall, with a large number of guests present.

Mr. W. W. Caruth, who formerly resided at Holly Springs, Miss. and who for the past two years has been located at 406 Muskingum street, is now residing at his newly purchased home, 742 Center street.

The Royals, a club composed of the younger social set, held their first dance for this season Monday evening at Pythian Castle Hall. The dance was largely attended and was reported an enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Charles Stewart and son, of Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. Louisa Lewis, of North Senate avenue. Mrs. Lewis entertained a company at a dinner last Thursday in her honor. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cotter, of Chicago.

Mrs. Beulah W. Porter, principal of the Robert Gould Shaw School, and Walter M. Price, departmental teacher of School No. 26, were married last Saturday morning at the parsonage of Bethel church. The Rev. D. P. Roberts performed the ceremony.

Interest increases in the Christmas party to be given by the Charles Sumner school and the Woman's Club Christmas eve at Tomlinson Hall, for the benefit of the school and the relief work of the club. The club, which is one of the oldest in the city, is doing relief work among the colored people and works in conection with the associated charities. The seven hundred children from the Charles Sumner school will take part in the program.

The "Evening With Colored Composers," given last week at Simpson chapel, under the auspices of the Woman's Council, for the benefit of the Lincoln Hospital, was attended by an unusually large audience. Plantation melodies and negro folk songs were featured by the Y. M. C. A. Orchestra, assisted in chorus by the soloists, Mrs. W. R. Hill, Miss Marion Shelton, Noble Sissie, Mrs. J. H. Brice, Edward Grayson, Mrs. James H. Wilson, Frank Fowler Brown, Miss Pearl Barnes and Russell Smith. Russell Smith was director. Mrs. Jones Brown is president of the council.

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MRS. MARY FLANNER GIVES INTERESTING POINTS ON THE ART OF STORY TELLING.

Mrs. Mary H. Flanner gave a very interesting talk on the art of story telling at the Second Christian church Monday evening, November 30th, and in illustrating her talk read the following:

A Legend: "How the Chrysanthemum Became Ragged," from the Japanese; a fable, "It's Quite True," Hans Christian Anderson Fables; "Ascension Lillies," original; a fairy story, "The Fairy Thirteen," original, which is dedicated to Mrs. Thomas, now in charge of Flanner House.

Miss Pearl Barnes gave musical numbers, which were beautifully rendered and greatly appreciated by the audience.

Mrs. Flanner made a short talk before closing her program as to the desired interest she wished the citizens to manifest in Flanner House Settlement.

The proceeds of this entertainment will be used largely to give free tickets to children who are not able to pay carfare and the price of admission to the annual Christmas party at Tomlinson hall, Saturday afternoon, December 28.

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

North and Blackford Streets.

The pastor will speak morning and evening and the commune will be given at the morning service. He will also baptize the infants and adults. On Wednesday night Bishop Geo. L. Blackwell will preach for us after which he will pin general claim receipts on all who have paid their dollar money for 1915.

Those who have not paid may do so between now and that time. The ladies' social club will observe their annual guest day Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m., and Bishop Blackwell will be the principal speaker on a nice program that is to be rendered.

W. I. ROWAN, Pastor.

LADIES DAY AT Y. M. C. A. SUNDAY—BISHOP FRANCIS SPEAKS—EDUCATIONAL HEAD RESIGNS.

During the series of meetings conducted for men each Sunday afternoon, it has been a custom for years to set apart a special Sunday for ladies. Tomorrow afternoon a special program has been arranged whereby all ladies are invited to attend. Rt. Jos. M. Francis, D.D., bishop of Indianapolis, will deliver the address of the occasion on the subject, "What is Christianity." The plans and special attractions for this meeting have been arranged so as to give the public a combination of events, rare, spectacular and unequalled in the history of the monster meetings. The music for this occasion will be furnished by the Y. M. C. A. quarette and orchestra. The musical will begin promptly at 3 p. m., and the invitation is extended to men and women to be present and on time. December the first marked the closing of the "November Round Up" membership campaign. The attention of the men who failed to take advantage of the November reduction should be attracted to the special holiday rates which is now being offered. By paying one dollar down full privileges can be had up to January the first, at which time the balance of four dollars is to be paid. The next monthly athletic contest will be held on the afternoon of January 1, at which time the junior and senor gym classes will furnish a full afternoon's entertainment. On this occasion opportunity will be given the public to witness difficult gymnatis feats, embracing both calisthenics and apparatus.

Mr. Fay DeFrantz, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has been removed from his private ward at the city hospital to his rooms in the Y. M. C. A. Highly enthusiastic over the success of his treatment and commending in the highest terms the efficiency of the physicians and nurse in charge, Mr. DeFrantz anticipates being sufficiently recovered to take up his duties in the physical department at an early date.

Dr. J. Edmestone Barnes spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience on last Wednesday evening. Dr. Barnes, speaking under the auspices of the Ministers' Alliance, held his hearers spellbound for one hour on the subject, "The Ethical Aspects of Africa."

Mr. W. V. Casey, who recently came on the staff as educational director, has resigned to accept a position at School No. 26 to further playground work in the east end.

The boys' league meetings continue to attract a large number of boys each Sunday afternoon. This meeting is styled "Every boys' meeting" and is free to all boys who would like to come.

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PORTLAND, OREGON, NOTES.

Talking About the "Dry" State.

Conversation is rife among our folks out here, as with the whites, concerning the state having gone dry at the election early this month. The Prohis do not go into power until Jan. 1, 1916, however, and much can happen between now and then. The result of the election was certainly decisive, every county in the state and all but three cities siding with the "drys" when the count was finished. The losers' consolation seems to lie only in the fact that Washington is in the same fix. .. Mr. Hilliard Haines, formerly of Pittsburg, is to be married probably on Christmas day. The name of the bride-elect is held secret and we shall have to wait until after the date to find out who she is. Our best wishes, Hill! .. Billie Robinson ("Bojangles") was appearing at the Empress the week of November 16 to 22, and knocked 'em off the seats. It has been several years since he was here last, but he is always welcome. The Barnes Bros. (Claude and Frank) played several circuits out of San Francisco and this city with considerable success. These lads were formerly of Salt Lake City and started out with the Occidental baseball team minstrels. Claude, who was center field for the Oxxies and later for the Los Aneles Giants, played awhile this summer with the Hubbard Giants here taming Rube Foster's American Giants, the best colored team that ever played out this way. .. Mr. Rollie White will leave for California about Christmas for his health. .. Charlie Fair, formerly of Chicago, is concessionive at the leading hotels here and is doing fine. .. Mrs. Emma Holb Duke, local agent for the Freeman, wishes to hear from her cousin, Mrs. Ada Greav, of the Lyric Theatre, Kansas City, Mo., and can be reached at the Golden West Hotel, Portland, Ore. .. "Pepperbox" Gus Williams, formerly of Grace Presbyterian baseball team of Chicago, played for a while with the Hubbards and made a great name for himself.

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

The Christian Endeavor in Charge of Thanksgiving Service—Young Men Interested in Good Work.

The Christian Endeavor had charge of the Thanksgiving service last Sunday and it was a grand meeting. Many good thoughts were brought out of the text. Mrs. L. C. D. Anderson is president, and has had a grand success. Mr. A. Hamilton's choir furnished the songs and was very pleasing to the members and friends. Let us help them and win more souls for God.

A committee of young men composed of Mr. Elmer White, Garrett Starks and Charles Johnson, of the Christian Endeavor of the A. M. E. church, hunted all the old and sick folks and presented them with a nice basket for Thanksgiving. One old lady was made to exclaim, Thank God some one thinks of me yet. The young men are to be commended.

The Thanksgiving program at night under the management of the Stewardess, was more than a success. The church was crowded and running over. More than $20 was cleared.

The body of the late Mrs. Susan Bassett, who passed away at the Athens hospital, arrived in this city Thursday. The funeral services were conducted from the home, 1162 Waller street.

Mr. Loving, of Washington C. H., is spending a few days in our city. He is a friend of Mr. G. Baker, one of the popular young men of the city.

Miss Blanch Wilson has a very fine Pianola in her home on 11th street.

Mrs. Effie Williams, who has been ill for the last two weeks, is able to be up and around her home.

Mrs. Harry Patterson, the newly wed, has been having trouble with her throat. Was operated on last week and had her tonsils taken out. Is getting along very nicely. Her many friends are glad to know that the newlyweds are very happy.

Marion Starks was the eight in the plan contest for the pony and cart.

Miss Marian Parker was the hostess of a dinner party Friday evening, Nov. 27, at her home on Waller street, given in honor of the forty-third birthday of her father, G. Franklyn Parker. Those seated at the well prepared dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gooden, Mrs. Mattie Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Payne, Mr. Wm. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Parker, Mrs. Adrien Jones presided at the piano throughout the evening. Miss Parker was assisted by Miss Naomi Robinson.

Mrs. Jennie Bowen, of Twelfth street, who has been very ill for some weeks, is some better and her many friends are glad to know it.

The A. M. E. Sewing Circle met at the home of Eva Gooden, on Waller street. The rooms were beautifully decorated with bells and flowers. After the business, the hostess served a very nice lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dill's home was burned and damaged by the water. The fire started early Wednesday morning. The household goods were carried out by friends, but the water from the fire hose got it. Damage of $2,000. Mr. Joe Dill, who has been ill for some time, had to be carried out. He was taken to the hospital, where he died Saturday evening. Mr. Dill was the proprietor of the Cafe on Eleventh street. He had many friends, white and black, and was always willing to give to help others. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Nellie Dill, father, Mr. Jack Dill, two sisters, Mrs. Brown, of Baltimore, Mrs. Mary Brodes, of Louisville, two brothers, Mr. Gustia Dill, of New York, and his baby brother, Stocken Dill. Rev. Irvin preached the funeral at the A. M. E. church Tuesday at 1 o'clock. Mr. Dill was a member of the K. P. lodge and they will have charge of this body also a member of the band, and they turned out. The beautiful flower designs presented were by Mr. S. Carr and Mr. B. S. Johnson, Deacon Association, Miss Bell Fleming, Mrs. C. Banks and Miss G. Hollingsworth Glockner, Meyer, Mrs. A. B. Gones, L. Turner and Mrs. H. E. Bryant, Mr. A. Maier, Chas. Hall and Rigdon Hall, A. M. E. church and Christian Endeavor, K. of P. and the R. L. Brass Band. Friends of Mr. Joe Dill from Columbus: Mr. William Spears, A. Powell and Ike Farley, Mr. P. Byrd, of Cincinnati; Mr. William Straten, of Ironton, O.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

The Big Ten Club Entertains.

The Big Ten Social Club entertained on Thursday afternoon with an informal Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their president, Mr. Frank P. Dawson. The guests enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. The hall was beautifully decorated with ferns and white roses. The parlor was beautifully decorated with large clusters of white chrysanthemums, artistically arranged. In the dining room great vases of yellow chrysanthemums were used. The dinner table was elaborately decorated with ferns, chrysanthemums, roses and fruits. Among the guests were Messrs. Lucile Hopkins, Berdie White, Gertrude Atwater, Carrie Farrier, Margaret Moore, Rylander Hightower, Lillie Dawson, Julia Thompson, Fannie Cameron and Rhena May Worthy, Messrs. Prince, Charles and Freddie Atwater, James and Hugh Kellog, Frank P. Dawson, Samuel W. Brown, John D. Cameron, Robert and A. C. Briggs. Mr. Robert Briggs was toastmaster.

On last Wednesday Mr. Ben M. Clendon and a party of hunters left the city for a deer hunt, and these hunters were very much pleased with their game. They bagged a big buck. The deer tipped the scales to one hundred pounds. Hunters are: Mr. Ben M. Clendon, Mr. Tom Halliday, Mr. Nathan Frisvon.

On last Sunday morning about 3 o'clock, Mr. Houston Floyd, who in last week's issue of The Freeman announced his confinement, has passed away after his long illness at his home, 1215 Wolf street.

Mr. Hugh Christopher, of 1000 Cochran avenue, is still sick at his home. He will be glad to have his friends visit him at any time.

Keith's orchestra wishes to thank Prof. Wm. Timmons for the bunch of music he gave them. The orchestra members thank you very much and Mr. Keith, your dear friend, will write you in a day or so.

Mr. Joseph Carpenter has returned to the city after a stay of several months in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Lewis Brorrows, one of our Brunswick ladies, who has spent the summer in New York, has completed her course in hairmaking, and is making the old new. And she would be pleased to have your patronage. Call and see her. Mrs. Lewis Brorrows, Amhearst street.

Sunday Eve. Recital at the Pekin

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Clark entertained in her honor at her home. There was dancing and cards and the evening was enjoyably spent. Miss Mitchell left Sunday, very much pleased with her stay. Miss Mitchell is a graduate of Wilberforce and was a classmate of Miss Clark. On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dave Manson entertained Miss Mitchell. Covers were laid for six. Mr. and Mrs. Manson reside in a beautiful home at 5816 Michigan avenue.

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Miss Carolyn Boyd Lillerson on Program.

Miss Carolyn Boyd Lillerson, the well-known entertainer at the Elite cafe, was on the program Tuesday at the Grand. Miss Boyd, as she is called by most people who know her, was in fine voice, and acquitted herself nicely. Miss Boyd is such a splendid entertainer that she will, it is reported, open the new cafe that is to be started soon by Mr. Art Codozoe at 35th and State streets.

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"Powers That Be" Speak to Railroad Porters.

The "powers that be" of the Pullman Railroad company spoke to the porters on Tuesday of this week at the Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A. The meeting was for the porters only. It is a known fact, however, that the Pullman porters are not being paid enough wages and that the state railroad commission of California has recognized this and is in favor of helping the porters. It is said that when the Pullman people went to California they "let the cat out of the bag" and something of this nature came up, it is said, at this meeting. The press was not allowed at the meeting, but, like the dailies, some parts of the news will always out.

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Aldermanic Fight on in Good Shape.

The aldermanic fight is on, and there are four at least in the field—Mr. Oscar De Priest, Attorney Louis B. Anderson, Charles Griffen and Edward H. Wright, the latter not having announced himself as yet. Mr. De Priest formally announced his candidacy at Odd Fellows' hall on Monday night when Mr. Madden, congressman from this district, and State Senator Sam Ettleson and others spoke for Mr. De Priest. One man in the audience said he was opposed to the organization putting up a man and running him without giving the people a chance to express themselves in the primary. The meeting went on harmoniously. Mr. Anderson, it is said, is hustling day and night among the people, and thus far has over 3,000 pledges from all parts of the ward and is organizing women's clubs in blocks. The fight will continue until April. It is to be hoped that the people who will choose the candidate will center on one race man so that one of the other race will not slip in, and the chance be lost to nominate a colored alderman.

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Logan Lodge No. 4, K. of P., will meet in regular session Thursday evening, Dec. 10, for nomination of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bruce, Oscar Minor and Mrs. Margaret Smith, of Kirkwood street, Pittsburg, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stamps, 238 Bordman street, Thanksgiving, and Mrs. Minor and Miss Smith were to have been married here, and as the couple were too young they returned home to Pittsburg and will wait a while longer.

Buckeye Lodge Elks will give next dance and social Monday evening, Dec. 14, at the club.

Miss Margery and Master Oliver Manley, New Brighton, Pa., are the guests of their father, Oliver Manley, 329 East Fed street.

Mrs. Phelps, of Maserrous, Pa., spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Bessie Franklin, East Fed street.

Mrs. Espy, of McKinley street, entertained the ladies of the Research Club, Tuesday evening, and the ladies enjoyed an evening marked with informality and pleasure. Quotations, the paper by Mrs. J. Simmons, was very interesting. A dandy lunch was served, concluding the session, which will be continued in the home of Mrs. G. M. Fagn, 47 McKinley street, Dec. 1. The following program will be rendered: Subject, "What is the Hardest Problem in a Woman's Life?" by Mrs. Lewis Bundy; instrumental solo, Mrs. Henry Porter; quotations from Dunbar, Mrs. Samuel Boggess. Miss Rhoda Graham, secretary.

Mrs. Frederic Thomas, West Rayne avenue, entertained in a delightful manner Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Margaret Philips, of Chester, Pa. Covers were laid for 15 and a dandy repast was served. The decorations were green and yellow. Those present were Samuel Philips and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wormley, Mr. and Mrs. T. Johnson, Master Mason Warmtey, Mrs. Daniel H. Rose.

Mr. Frederic Thomas entertained at lunch Sunday Mr. William Douglass, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClure, Mrs. Addie Solomon, Mrs. Bell Greene, Mrs. Fred Thomas, Master Daniel H. Rose.

The Buckeye Lodge will hold their memorial services Sunday, Dec. 13. Time and place in next issue.

NEWS NOTES OF COLUMBUS, O.

Mr. James Wall, who suffered a severe burn by steam, and who is now confined in St. Francis hospital, is improving fine.

Mr. John Jones, of Wakefield, Va., who was caught in the flames of his burning home, was sent to Columbus, Ohio, to St. Francis hospital, for treatment.

Smoky Hobbs says he loves to read The Freeman and must have it.

Mrs. Emma Galloway, of 307 South Oakley avenue, has been ill for several days.

While on her vacation, Miss Geneva Trent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Trent, of 171 North Washington avenue, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Perkins, of Wilberforce, Ohio.

Mrs. S. J. Morton, after spending several weeks with friends and relatives in Raleigh, N. C., has returned.

The attraction at the Marquet next Sunday night will be P. G. Laury, who will pull off one of his famous cornet solos, assisted by his chums, Thos. and Billy May.

The Eleventh St. M. E. church has a new organist and the choir and church seems to be satisfied. She is Mrs. Kathrine Trindell, formerly of Jackson St. M. E. church, of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Ike Barber, who has been employed at the Penn. R. R. shops for years, is confined at the hospital with an abscess on his stomach.

The installation of Rev. R. Quarles, of Paris, Ky., will occur Sunday, Dec. 6th, at Oakley Ave. Baptist church. Those supposed to be present are Rev. Geo. L. Davis, D.D., Dev. A. D. Chandler, D.D., Rev. R. D. Phillips, D.D.

NEWS OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Police Monday were searching for an automobile driver who ran down an unidentified man near E. Twelfth street and Payne avenue shortly after 7 o'clock, and then drove away. The injured man was taken to Lakeside hospital. The street was dark and the auto was running without lights. Through the carelessness of these drivers one's life is in jeopardy.

Rev. Wolridge revival starts at Triedstone this week.

The Freeman, a progressive newspaper devoted to the interest of our race. It is encouraging to learn of the progress of the race. A newspaper that ought to be in the hands of every Negro man and woman.

The man who is silent when a wrong thing is done makes himself a sharer of the guilt. The scripture says our conversation should be yea, nay. If he says speaking out will do no good he should stop and think that he will at least be on the side of right.

We had the pleasure of being at Corinthian Baptist church Sunday at 3 o'clock and listening to an able discourse by Rev. Garner.

Probably most of the difficulties of trying to live a christian life arise from attempting to half live it.

God meant me to belong, God should seek to find wisdom and truth and beauty to satisfy my mind.

CORYDON, KY.

Mrs. A. H. Cabell of Henderson, Ky., made inspection of Fred Douglass Circle, Ladies of G. A. R. All were glad to have her with them, and she was pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gibson.

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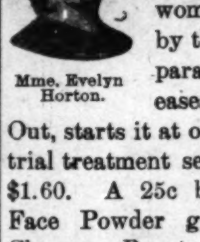
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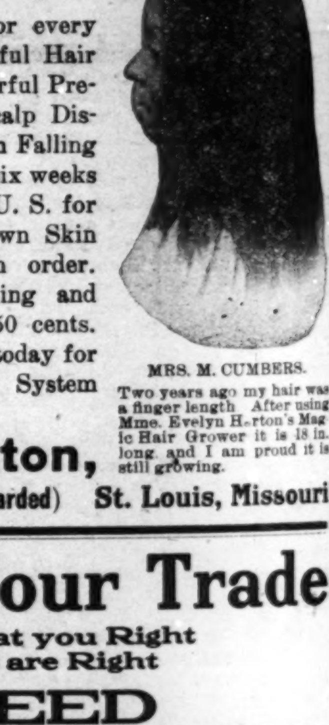
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